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# Michigan lets high schools, theaters reopen

**By DAVID EGGERT**
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LANSING — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's administration on Friday lifted a prohibition on in-person instruction at Michigan high schools and said movie theaters and other entertainment venues can reopen with capacity restrictions following a decline in coronavirus cases.

Universities and colleges can let students return to campus next month, with a request to wait until Jan. 18 to restart face-to-face classes.

Indoor restaurant dining will continue to be barred under the new state health department order that takes effect Monday, however, drawing criticism. Indoor sports and outdoor contact sports also will remain off limits, unless there is rigorous testing like there is at the pro and NCAA levels. Bowling alleys, casinos and other entertainment businesses that reopen must close drink and food concessions.

The order will last through Jan. 15, though the Democratic governor said she will seriously consider lifting some provisions sooner "if we substantially sustain our progress." She and top health officials announced the revised measure at a news conference Friday afternoon.

"The curve is flattening. But we can't let our guard down for a second because our fortunes can change fast," Whitmer said.

The restrictions began Nov. 18 following a spike in COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations statewide. All high schools and colleges have been virtual. Youth sports, including football playoffs, have been on hold. K-8 schools have been able to continue with on-site classes, though – as has been the case all fall – it is not required for them or high schools.

"The operative word in the order is 'may' – as school resumes after the holidays, these continue to be local decisions that must be guided

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**Spectrum Health Lakeland pharmacy director Jason Lovero unpacks the first shipment of the COVID-19 vaccine from Pfizer on Wednesday.**

# An enormous challenge

## Much planning has gone into local COVID-19 vaccine rollout

**By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN**
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — A lot of planning and coordination went into that first shot of the COVID-19 vaccine this week in Berrien County.

Various officials, including those with Spectrum Health Lakeland and Berrien County Health Department (BCHD), have been meeting for months to coordinate the rollout alongside the mass vaccination plans that were already in place.

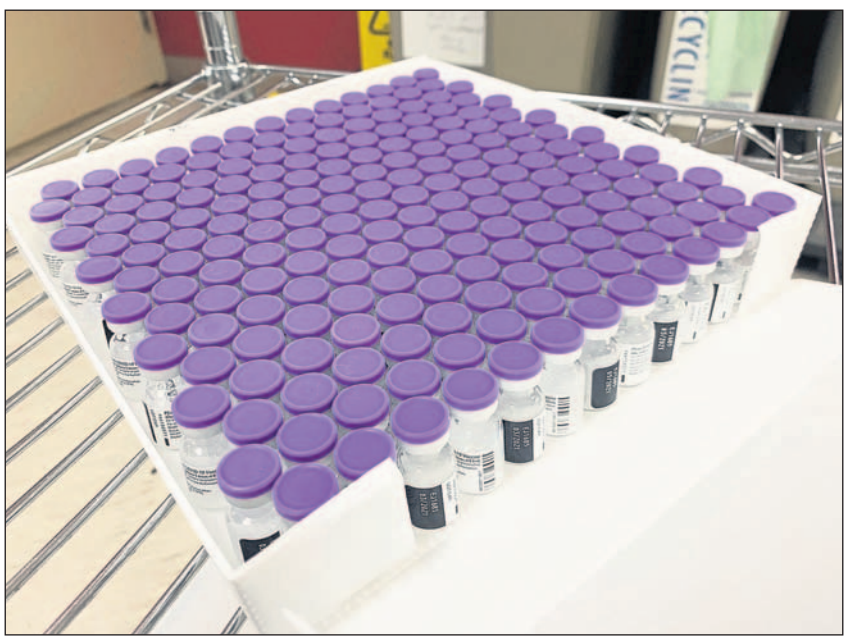
"This partnership is really crucial when you consider this is really an unprecedented vaccination effort," said Dr. John Froggatt, vice president of medical affairs, medical director of infection prevention, and medical director of the hospitalist programs at Spectrum Health Lakeland.

Froggatt, an infectious disease specialist, said we've never had to do anything quite like this so quickly in our country, especially considering the fact a second dose of the vaccine will be needed.

"That isn't unheard of in the vaccination world, but with this kind of scale, vaccinating so many people, and making sure they get their follow-up, it's just an enormous logistical challenge for everyone involved," he said.

Courtney Davis, deputy health director at the BCHD, said that it is very exciting and historic to be at this point of actually giving out vaccine.

"With that anxiety, there's a lot of work to do to make sure we get the vaccine out to our population and our community."



**The first shipment of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine is shown as it arrives at Spectrum Health Lakeland on Wednesday.**

### The basics

Davis said the county and state's goal is to use every dose of the vaccine as quickly and efficiently as possible.

"One of the weekly touchpoints in our meetings is that we want to make sure we're getting the vaccine out to all of the people who were identified in the different phases and tiers, and do so in a way that is not duplicative, because we do know that early supplies are still going to be scarce," she said.

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### Vaccine information resources

**Berrien County:** www.bchdmi.org/1745/COVID-19-Vaccine-Information

**Van Buren/Cass counties:** https://vbcassdhd.org/covid-19-vaccine

**West Michigan:** http://vaccinatewestmi.com

**Michigan:** michigan.gov/COVIDVaccine

# Berrien suffers deadly week from COVID

## Number of new cases starts to fall

**By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN**
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This week was one of the most deadly of the coronavirus pandemic so far in Berrien County.

The county added 19 COVID deaths since last Friday, bringing the county's death toll to 146. Last week 11 deaths were recorded, and the week before that, 9.

The deaths were all people over the age of 50, according to Berrien County's COVID-19 data dashboard.

Deaths have not accumulated this quickly since late May, and even then, the county didn't see more than about 14 deaths in a week.

While deaths grew, new cases fell to 493 new cases being recorded since last Friday. That's compared to 742 last week, 800 the week before, and 1,124 the week before that.

The percent positivity rate hovered between 14 and 15 percent this week.

There was another huge gain in recoveries this week, with 1,096 being recorded. That's more than the 648 recorded last week and the 389 recorded the week before that.

With the deaths and recoveries, the number of active cases in the county has dropped to 3,330. Last Friday, the number of active cases in the county peaked at 3,952.

In total, since March, the Berrien County has recorded 8,126 cases, 4,650 recoveries and 604 probable cases. That's an addition of 34 probable cases since last Friday.

Average hospitalizations at Spectrum Health Lakeland dropped this week to 62, the average it was three weeks ago. Last Friday, hospitalizations for the week averaged about 65.

On Friday, there were 50 patients admitted. Hospitalizations haven't been that low since mid-November.

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# U.S. clears Moderna vaccine for COVID-19, second shot in arsenal

**By LAURAN NEERGAARD and MATTHEW PERRONE**
Associated Press

The U.S. added a second COVID-19 vaccine to its arsenal Friday, boosting efforts to beat back an outbreak so dire that the nation is regularly recording more than 3,000 deaths a day.

Much-needed doses are set to arrive Monday after the Food and Drug Administration authorized an emergency rollout of the vaccine developed by Moderna Inc. and the National Institutes of Health.

The move marks the world's first authorization for Moderna's shots. The vaccine is very similar to one from Pfizer Inc. and Germany's BioNTech that's now being dispensed to millions of health care workers and nursing home residents as the biggest vaccination drive in U.S. history starts to ramp up.

The two work "better than we almost dared to hope," NIH Director Dr. Francis Collins told The Associated Press. "Science is working here, science has done something amazing."

Early results of large, still unfinished studies show both vaccines appear safe and strongly protective although Moderna's is easier to handle since it doesn't need to be stored at ultra-frozen temperatures.

A second vaccine represents a ray of hope amid despair as the virus continues to spread unabated even before holiday gatherings that are certain to further fuel the outbreak.

The scourge has claimed more than 312,000 U.S. lives and killed 1.7 million people worldwide. New cases in the U.S. are running at over 216,000 per day on average. Deaths per day have hit all-time highs, eclipsing 3,600 on Wednesday.

California has emerged as one of the most lethal hot spots, with hospitals running out of intensive care beds and ambulances lining up outside emergency rooms in scenes reminiscent of the calamity around New York City last spring. California on Friday reported over 41,000 new cases and 300 more deaths.

When New York's hospitals were in crisis, health care workers from across the country came to help out. This time, "there's no cavalry coming" because so many hospitals are swamped, said Dr. Marc Futernick, an emergency room physician in Los Angeles.

The nation is scrambling to expand vaccinations as rapidly as Moderna and Pfizer can churn out doses. Moderna's is for people 18 and older, Pfizer's starts at age 16.

It's just the beginning of "what we hope will be a big push to get this terrible virus behind us, although it will take many more months to get to all Americans," Collins said.

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### Van Buren/Cass

New cases and deaths slowed slightly in Van Buren and Cass counties this week.

Van Buren County recorded eight new COVID-19 deaths this week, bringing the county's death toll to 65. The previous week the county had recorded nine deaths, and the week before that eight.

The county recorded 238 new COVID-19 cases this week, compared to 360 last week and 423 the week before that. In total, the county has recorded 3,597 cases.

Cass County recorded five deaths this week, the same as last week, but up from one the week before that. The county's death toll is now at 40.

Cass County recorded 185 new COVID cases this week, down from 268 last week and 252 the week before that. In total, the county has recorded 2,669 cases.

For more information, the health department's weekly COVID video update with its medical director is available on its website, https://vbcass dhd.org/covid-19.

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## MODERNA

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Moderna expects to have between 100 million and 125 million doses available globally in the first three months of 2021, with 85-100 million of those available in the U.S.

Even with additional candidates in the pipeline, there won't be enough for the general population until spring, and shots will be rationed in the meantime. And while health workers are enthusiastically embracing vaccination, authorities worry the public may need more reassurance to ensure more people get in line when it's their turn.

"Frankly if we don't succeed in getting 80 percent or so of Americans immunized against COVID-19 by the middle of this 2021 year, we have the risk that this epidemic could go on and on and on," Collins said.

He is especially concerned that accurate information about the shots' value reaches communities of color, which have been hard-hit by COVID-19 yet also are wary after years of health care disparities and research abuses.

To try to help instill confidence, Vice President Mike Pence received the Pfizer-BioNTech shot on live TV Friday, along with Surgeon General Jerome Adams.

FDA's decision could help pave the way for other countries that are considering the Moderna vaccine, the first-ever regulatory clearance for the small Cambridge, Massachusetts, company. European regulators could authorize its use as soon as Jan. 6. Britain, Canada and a few other countries already have cleared the Pfizer-BioNTech shot, with a European Union decision due Monday.

"What we want to always remember is one size does not fit all. We want to have options," said Dr. Paul Duprex of the University of Pittsburgh.

Moderna has about 5.9 million doses ready for shipment set to begin over the weekend, according to Operation Warp Speed, the government's vaccine development program.

## LOTTERIES

### Friday drawings

**Michigan**

**Poker Lotto**
QH-6C-6H-7S-8S
**Midday Daily 3**
7-3-6
**Midday Daily 4**
5-6-7-1
**Daily 3**
7-0-3
**Daily 4**
5-3-8-4
**Fantasy 5**
05-10-16-21-37
**Keno**
02-05-10-11-28-33-36-39-45-47-50-52-55-61-62-64-68-70-71-74-76-79
**Mega Millions jackpot**
$310 million
**Powerball jackpot**
$304 million

### Thursday drawings

**Indiana**

**Cash 5**
13-15-19-30-38
**Cash4Life**
11-19-25-35-59, Cash Ball: 2
**Quick Draw Midday**
16-17-19-23-26-28-30-35-36-43-44-45-47-60-63-67-69-71-72-77, BE: 26
**Daily Three-Midday**
6-5-2, SB: 7
**Daily Three-Evening**
8-9-9, SB: 6
**Daily Four-Midday**
8-3-2-9, SB: 7
**Daily Four-Evening**
3-4-1-4, SB: 6
**Quick Draw Evening**
01-05-06-08-13-15-26-32-33-35-38-40-42-49-51-61-70-71-76-77, BE: 71

**Illinois**

**Lotto**
09-26-30-33-35-49, Extra Shot: 6
**Estimated jackpot**
$2 million
**LuckyDay Lotto Midday**
09-16-22-26-27
**Pick Three-Midday**
3-8-1, Fireball: 4
**Pick Three-Evening**
1-9-6, Fireball: 7
**Pick Four-Midday**
1-4-3-4, Fireball: 0
**Pick Four-Evening**
7-3-6-1, Fireball: 4
**Lucky Day Lotto**
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## CHALLENGE

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**Spectrum Health Lakeland Pharmacy Director Jason Lovero handles the super cold freezers the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine must be stored in.**

Health care workers and long-term care facility residents will be the first people to receive the vaccine.

That process will take several weeks, with those receiving the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine needing a second dose in 21 days, and those taking the Moderna vaccine needing a second dose in 28 days.

Spectrum Health Lakeland will store and give out the Pfizer vaccine, while the BCHD and Van Buren/Cass District Health Department (VBCDHD) will store and administer the Moderna vaccine. The health departments are expecting their first shipment of vaccine next week, while Lakeland received and started giving out their first doses on Wednesday.

The entities are also part of a regional group, the Southwest Michigan COVID-19 Vaccine Collaborative.

"We don't want to waste any vaccine. That why it's important we're having that unified communication, not causing confusion and just making sure we're really clear and intentional with our actions," Davis said.

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The health officials have been using census data, and relationships with community partners, to estimate how many doses of vaccine they will need for each priority group.

"The Area Agency on Aging has helped to understand how many direct-home care health workers we have," she said. "We're in the thousands when we talk about that health care layer and needing to get through that."

Davis said the BCHD is looking at vaccinating about 1,300 residents and staff of long-term care facilities.

### The process

Froggatt said Spectrum Health Lakeland selected who would get the vaccine first based on a system that determines how essential the employee is to hospital or clinic operations.

"All employees were asked to complete a survey to generate the data to allow that system to work to set up tiers of prioritization," he said. "It spans many different roles. Really the guiding principle was to prioritize people who are critical."

After those employees were selected, they were scheduled to receive the vaccine based on open time slots and their personal schedule.

Davis said once the BCHD obtains vaccine doses, it will start vaccinating staff members who will do the vaccinating and emergency medical service (EMS) workers, then the long-term care facility residents and staff.

"What's nice is there's a federal program that has partnered many of our skilled nursing, assisted living and adult foster care facilities with a pharmacy," she said. "They will receive some of the state's allotted vaccine directly and be able to work with those pharmacy partnerships."

The BCHD will fill in the gaps for those without partnerships.

Davis said vaccines won't be rationed in any way, outside of having priority groups, as long as shipments continue to come on a weekly basis.

Froggatt said some of the planning depends on how many doses are received – and how rapidly it arrives.

"Obviously if we get thousands of them within several weeks, then we'll really be able to reach all of the most critical health care worker folks within a short period of time," he said. "If, on the other hand, there were delays that were anticipated, that'd become more problematic."

Davis said there are details in place to make sure folks get their second dose of the vaccine, like a vaccine card.

"In addition to that, in Michigan, we have the Michigan Care Immunization Registry, which is accessible to health care providers and public health departments and will be able to help with reminders," she said.

Davis said anytime there is a multiple-dose vaccine, some people don't come back for their second one.

"But I think there are good communication channels in place to help people have the information they need to get to that second vaccination," she said.

### The safety

Even convincing people to get a first dose of the vaccine might be tricky, due to internet rumors about side effects and ingredients of the vaccine, but Davis and Froggart said the COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective.

"The Pfizer vaccine has been studied in about 40,000 recipients, so there's a lot of accumulating evidence on safety, and the safety profile looks favorable. That was considered by the FDA in ordering their emergency use authorization," Froggart said.

FROGGATT

He said the creation of this vaccine followed a pretty standard process. The quickness came from cutting red tape around bureaucracy, not around rushing development or safety assessments.

Both Froggart and Davis said they will get the vaccine and will encourage their families to as well.

Froggart explained that when you look at a coronavirus magnified, you see little spikes on the surface.

"And those spikes are what the virus uses to attach to our cells when it invades," he said. "This vaccine is designed to trigger our immune response to build antibodies against those spikes. Then, when the virus invades, those antibodies essentially block those spikes, so that they can't attack and the virus can't enter our cells."

While it's still not known how long the vaccine will last, because of how recently it has been developed, Froggart said the initial data shows the duration of protection is pretty long.

"Just within the limited time that we've had it, it may exceed a fair percentage of immune responses that we're seeing after natural/wild infection," he said. "Some folks seem to lose that immunity rather quickly, and it appears, from early information that the vaccine seems to be doing better than that."

Eventually, for this reason people who have already had COVID-19 will be advised to get vaccinated.

Davis said everyone who is vaccinated will get information to be connected to the V-Safe program through the Centers for Disease Control.

"You'll get daily check-ins and texts asking how you're feeling. You'll also get a reminder that it's been 21 days/28 days and it's time to get your second dose," she said. "I think we've had public health and health care professionals that have really thought through, how do we continue to monitor and learn, and have that safety for our population?"

### In the meantime

Until a large percentage of the American population is vaccinated, people will still need to wash their hands regularly, wear face coverings in public and stay six feet apart from those outside of their households.

"There's still a lot of COVID-19 in our community, and so the vaccine is offering great promise to change the direction of the pandemic, but it's going to take months to really have significant impact. In the midst of a lot of disease, the tools we have now are crucial," Froggart said.

He said there is clear evidence that masks and social distancing both help to reduce the transmission of COVID-19.

"Neither is perfect, or near perfect, but the combination together is more effective than either one alone," Froggart said. "If there's anything more important heading into the holidays, it's that we don't let our guard down and don't let the virus attack us even more severely than it has."

The BCHD, the VBCDHD and Lakeland have all vowed to keep everyone informed on their websites and social media pages about how the vaccination process is coming along.

"It will take some time, so have some patience as we move through all our priority groups," David said. "We really want to make sure our first responders, our health care professionals and our most vulnerable residents get that wrap-around protection as fast as we can."

She said it's been the goal of the BCHD and Spectrum Health Lakeland this whole time to protect the community and not overburden the health care system.

"We're still in that precarious place, that if we all stop doing these good practices, we aren't going to have vaccine fast enough to counter what could happen," she said. "So we still really need to keep that as a goal and support our frontline health care workers so they can do the job they need to do."

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## A golden opportunity

### Olympians discuss bonds with athletic trainers at SJHS class

**By TONY WITTKOWSKI**
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ST. JOSEPH — When the pandemic altered what Jaime Hall wanted to do in her athletic training class this semester, the St. Joseph High School teacher came up with a golden idea.

With a large portion of her class requiring some form of work-based learning, Hall chose to enlist the help of three Olympic hockey players she had worked with while at the University of Minnesota.

"This year has taken a toll on the kids because a lot of them want to be face to face. As a fun elective class, I didn't want to be another class that bogs them down with work," Hall said. "I've been thinking of fun and engaging ideas to give them an opportunity to see new things. The thought just came into my head to have them talk to prior athletes of mine."

Hall began teaching at the high school this semester, focusing on athletic training and sports medicine as part of the district's CTE program.

With COVID-19 restrictions putting a damper on the normal in-person experience, Hall enlisted a handful of guest speakers. Among them were an athletic training program director for Grand Valley State University, who discussed the university's program and general course work.

Last Friday, Hall's class showcased three athletes who played on the U.S. women's hockey team that won the gold medal in the 2018 Olympics in South Korea.

Gold medal-winners Hannah Brandt, Danielle Cameranesi and Lee Stecklein spoke with a handful of students about life as an athlete and the bonds that form between them and a supporting cast of athletic trainers, physical therapists and nutritionists.

"We talked about the integration of the care between all of the parties that it takes to keep a team healthy," Brandt said. "The mental skills of going through an injury was an interesting topic."

All three played on the University of Minnesota women's hockey team, where they won national championships during their tenure as Golden Gophers.

They also discussed what major injuries they've suffered during their playing days, including elbow tendinitis, bone bruises, separated shoulders and surgeries.

Stecklein even had stitches on her hand when taking questions last week.

"I was not very blessed in the injury department," Cameranesi said. I had a few my junior and senior year. I had a big shoulder injury at one point. And four months before Olympic tryouts, I suffered an ankle injury and needed work done on the ligaments between my bones."

Hall said she reached out to her acquaintances two days before the lecture over social media. They all came back with "no problem," within the next day.

"It's the perks of having a good relationship with them," Hall said. "I really hope (students) can see the importance of a sports medicine professional in the lives of an athlete. They should be able to see the impacts of their clients in the future. Being able to hear it from women who have been through it for a long time will get the point across."

Virtual learning has thrown a wrench in Hall's plans for the year, as the class was supposed to be learning about joints, muscles and other parts of the body.

Admittedly, Hall said doing regular course work for this class over Google Meet was difficult.

But including guest lecturers and getting creative in the class' structure has fit nicely with career readiness and work-based learning.

Hall said she's interested in incorporating special guests even when her class is able to return to a more traditional learning environment.

"It was something I thought about very early on. I felt like it would be such a great way to build into my curriculum," Hall said. "It's a way to expand your knowledge into something you don't really know a lot about, but something you might look into as a career. The class allows students to get an opportunity to tape an ankle and assess different injuries."

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**Hannah Brandt, Danielle Cameranesi and Lee Stecklein spoke with a handful of St. Joseph High School students last week about the life of an athlete. They've won national championships with the University of Minnesota's women's hockey team and gold medals on the U.S. women's hockey team at the 2018 Olympics.**

## BRINGING SOME JOY TO THE WORLD

Photos by Don Campbell / HP staff

**Students from Christ Lutheran School walk outside Pine Ridge Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Stevensville as they sing Christmas carols and wish residents a Merry Christmas on Friday morning. Students remained outside this year during their annual visit due to safety concerns with COVID-19.**

**ABOVE:** Students carry holiday paper chains outside the center as they sing Christmas carols and wish residents a Merry Christmas.

**RIGHT:** Third-grader Chloe Koehn joins students from Christ Lutheran School as they sing Christmas carols to residents outside Pine Ridge Rehabilitation and Nursing Center.

## SMCAA brings back food sharing program

**By TONY WITTKOWSKI**
HP Staff Writer

BENTON HARBOR — The Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency will hold its fifth annual Holiday Food Sharing Program on Monday.

The Holiday Food Sharing Program collects and distributes about 400 turkeys and food boxes to residents and families in need of assistance from Benton Harbor, Benton Township and St. Joseph.

The program is sponsored by the city of Benton Harbor, the PGA of America and Whirlpool Corp.

"It is the season for giving and this is a year people really need a hand. We are proud to continue our partnership with the Southwest Michigan Community Action Agency by providing meals for our neighbors and friends," Benton Harbor Mayor Marcus Muhammad said in a news release. "Thanks to the support of our generous sponsors, we will reach families and residents across all three communities for the fifth year in a row."

Distribution of the turkeys and food boxes will take place on Dec. 23. Due to COVID-19, the Food Share Program will be done in a drive-thru format.

"COVID-19 has been a year like no other and too many of our neighbors have experienced challenges and hardships. This is a small way to let them know our community cares about and respects them during this holiday season," said Jeff Noel, vice president of communications and public affairs at Whirlpool.

Since the program's founding in 2015, the SMCAA has helped more than 600 families in and around Benton Harbor and St. Joseph.

"The community has embraced the PGA of America and the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship since 2012 and Benton Harbor has become our home," Brandon Haney, championship director of the 2022 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship, said in the release. "It is a privilege to give back, especially in times like these. We are hoping this brings some holiday cheer to our community."

For further information about the Holiday Sharing Program, visit www.smcaa.com, or call 269-925-9077.

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## IN BRIEF

### Pandemic alters 'Shop With a Cop'

ST. JOSEPH — The Berrien County Sheriff's Office Reserve Unit's annual "Shop With a Cop" program took a different form this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Lt. Steve Campbell said the deputies did not make their usual trip to the Niles Walmart with children, but instead delivered food baskets and gift cards to the doorsteps of selected families.

He said this year's program served five families with a combined total of 19 children. The families live in Coloma, Watervliet Township, Niles Township and New Buffalo Township.

Campbell said the event was made possible thanks to donations from United Federal Credit Union, Honor Credit Union, Niles Walmart, Pike Funeral Home, DA Dodd, Red Bud MX, Wightman Associates, Milano Pizza, and the Dumminger, Snyder and Zimmerle families.

## Good Fellow Fund closer to goal

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The Good Fellow Fund pushed closer to its $35,000 goal this week, bringing in an additional $8,515. Donors have given $31,095 to help their neighbors in need during this holiday season.

The fund, which is administered by The Herald-Palladium, collected an additional $6,770 this week through mail-in donations and money collected by the Southwest Michigan Exchange Club. Another $1,745 was sent in this week by donors through our online donation page.

The HP would love to reach this year's goal. Donations are being accepted through the end of the year and can be mailed to The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085, or made online at www.TheHP.com/goodfellows.

Here are donations that were mailed in or dropped off this week:

Ronald and Sara Brandt, $35; John and Barbara Bannow, $200; Charles and Mary Anne Lischer, $100; Roland and Ruth Shuler, $50; Stifel, Nicolaus, and Co., $100; Eugene Weil, $250; Barry and Jody Conybeare, $100; Catherine Canham, $150; Sherwood Snyder, in memory of Sherwood and Bernice Strome Snyder, $100; Ralph and Angelina Kapalczynski, $50; Mike and Anne McCausland, $100; Terry and Liz Allen, $100; Ronald and Paula Schroeder, $100; Stephen and Diane Petlick, $100; Mark and Catherine Sebenar, $100; Paul and John Miller, $25; David and Cathy Schaffer, $50; Betty Hak, $20; Anonymous, $25; Patricia Kutz, $25; Stephanie Hahn-Mack, $100; Kathleen DeVries, $500; Sarah and Jeffrey Yircott, $75; Doyle and Shirley Sater Roberts, in memory of Donnie and David Sater, $30; Karol and Jack Banyon, $50; Bradley Johnson, $100; GM Business Printing, $25; Allyson and Jackson Brill and Austin Barchett, $100; St. Joseph Lions Club, $2,000; Benton Harbor Community of Christ, $200.

Here are donations collected by the Exchange Club:

Acra Enterprises, Inc. K. Klinke, in memory of Velma Skelley, $300; Berrien Community Foundation, $250; Robert and Mary Ellen Hamm, $100; Pearson Construction Co., $100; Judith Felland, $200; PC Services – Tom Gear, $100; David Ravitch, $50; Rick and Sally Schiffer, $100; Tech-Nickel Inc, $50; Jim and Jan Sanders, $40; Jim Rybarczyk, $10; Brad and Rebecca Young, $100; Temple B'Nai Shalom, $50; Starks Family Funeral Home, $100; Thayer Paper, $50; Leroy and Ann Stelter, $100; Brenda and Joe Yenchus, $100; LeeAnn Emmert, $10.

Here are donations made online:

Anonymous, $1,000; Brad and Marilyn Frey, $70; Robert and Denise Briggs, $50; Truus and Bill Engeln, $50; Brian Ferguson, $200; Stephen Cogswell, $100; Gregory and Janice Vaughn, $100; Anonymous, $125; Suzanne Howard, $50.

# OBITUARIES

## John Raymond Genovese

Oct. 18, 1939 – Dec. 17, 2020

John Raymond Genovese, 81, of St. Joseph passed away Thursday, Dec. 17, 2020, after a hard-fought battle with COVID-19.

John was born on Oct. 18, 1939, in Benton Harbor to Elsie and Joseph Genovese.

He graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1958. Following graduation, John enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and proudly served from 1958-1961 as a parachute rigger for his fellow servicemen. After the Marines, John attended barber school and graduated in 1962. He worked at a handful of barber shops in the area before opening Cuts Plus in 1991, where he's worked ever since. Cutting hair was John's passion and he felt incredibly lucky to have worked for 56 years with no plans for retirement.

John loved his family, the Marine Corps, old movies, magic tricks and playing cards. He will be forever remembered for his loyalty, work ethic and sense of humor.

John is survived by his significant other of 30 years, Norma Adkerson; his sons: David Genovese, and Brett Genovese; his daughter, Courtney Radde (Matt); Norma's children: JT Adkerson (Becky), and Tony Adkerson (Jamie); and a brother, Joe Genovese. He also leaves behind 10 grandchildren: Ava, and Boden Genovese, Emma, Claire, Jillian, and Harrison Radde, and Chad, Megan, Brixton, and Dedrick Adkerson, who will miss him dearly.

A private service will be held for family with plans for a public memorial at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in John's name may be made to the American Legion Post 568, 3093 Johnson Road, Stevensville, MI, or to the Marine Corps League of which John was a lifelong member: https://www.mclnational.org.

Those wishing to sign John's memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com. Starks & Menchinger Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements.

## Clayton W. Covey

Clayton W. Covey, 65, of Ruskin, Fla., (formerly of Springfield, Va.) passed away unexpectedly Dec. 4, 2020. He had just started fighting a battle against kidney cancer.

Born in South Haven, he was the son of James (Donnie) Covey of Benton Harbor, and the late Frances (Felder) Covey. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Jane Corbett.

He is survived by his siblings: Deb Chamberlin of Grand Junction, Mich., Laura Maxie of Kissimmee, Fla., Donna (Steve) Lawson of Beech Grove, Ind., and James Jr. (Kelly) Covey of Shepherd, Mich., Pam Bradford of Grand Rapids; and several nieces, and nephews.

He joined the U.S. Army after high school, earning his bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Maryland while stationed overseas in Italy and Germany. After separating from over six years of active duty, he remained with the Department of the Army as a finance specialist civilian, stationed in Heidelberg, Germany before returning to the U.S. in 1986. He became a budget analyst working at Army Material Command for four years, transferring to Headquarters Pentagon in 1990, working under the Program Analysis & Evaluation division. He earned his master's degree in information systems from The George Washington University in 1999, then became a systems analyst before retiring in 2010. He continued as a consultant for the Department of the Army, working on a web-based ERP system called GFEBS, replacing more than 80 legacy accounting and asset management processes and transactional input across the Army.

He was a sports enthusiast, loved playing golf, fishing with his dad, poker night with the guys, target shooting with his wife, followed the Boston Red Sox and St. Louis Cardinals baseball, and loved Michigan and Pittsburgh Steelers football.

A celebration of his life will be planned for a future date. In lieu of flowers, a donation can be made to the National Kidney Foundation, National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Wounded Warrior Project, or a charity of your choice in Clayton's name.

Arrangements entrusted to National Cremation and Burial Society, Ruskin, Fla.

Please visit http://obituaries.nationalcremation.com/obituaries/9935363.

## Death notices

**Janie Bee Barrett,** 76, of Benton Harbor died Dec. 10, 2020, at The Timbers of Cass County, Dowagiac. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

**Terry Bradley,** 63, formerly of Benton Harbor died Dec. 13, 2020, in Grand Rapids. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

**Ellis Brown,** 80, of Benton Harbor died Dec. 5, 2020, at home. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

**Janet Byer,** 85, of St Joseph died Dec. 13, 2020. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

**Clayton W. Covey,** 65, of Ruskin, Fla. (formerly of Springfield, Va.) died Dec. 4, 2020. National Cremation and Burial Society, Ruskin, Fla.

**George Lee Dewberry,** 78, of Benton Harbor died Dec. 4, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

**Dannell (Nell) Ewing,** 42, of Benton Harbor died Nov. 28, 2020. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

**Ruth Gehrke,** 85, of Benton Harbor died Dec. 14, 2020. Cremation Society of Illlinois, Chicago, 773-281-5058.

**John Raymond Genovese,** 81, of St. Joseph died Dec. 17, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

**Rinex James,** 59, formerly of Benton Harbor died Dec. 8, 2020, at St. Mary's Mercy Medical Center, Grand Rapids. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

**Paul Kurt Kruger Jr.,** 90, of Marcellus died Dec. 16, 2020. Hohner Funeral Home, Three Rivers, Mich., 269-279-5282.

**Charles "Chuck" McCain,** 57, of St. Joseph died Dec. 16, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes, 269-926-9440.

**Robert J. (RJ) Ott Jr.,** 66, of Bridgman died Dec. 14, 2020. Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan, 695-2363.

**Clementin Stoutmiles,** 82, of Benton Harbor died Dec. 17, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Robbins Brothers Funeral Home, Benton Harbor, 927-3181.

**Martin L. Trousdale,** 56, of Coloma died Dec. 13, 2020. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

**Phyllis Marie VanDyke,** 96, of Benton Harbor died Dec. 10, 2020. Purely Cremations – Starks Family Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, Benton Harbor, 926-9440.

**Kathleen Zink,** 73, of Watervliet died Dec. 16, 2020, at Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo. Davidson Chapel, Florin Funeral Service, Coloma, 468-3181.

## Dannell Ewing

May 31, 1978 – Nov. 28, 2020

Dannell (Nell) Ewing, 42, of Benton Harbor departed this life Nov. 28, 2020.

A service celebrating his life will be Dec. 19, at the Trinity C.O.G.I.C. The visitation begins at 11 a.m. followed by the service at 1 p.m. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Dannell was born May 31, 1978, in Benton Harbor to Beverly McCoy (Brown) and Darnell Ewing.

He attended Benton Harbor Area Schools and received his high school equivalency degree in 1996. He was a lifetime member of Trinity COGIC under the leadership of his late grandfather, Bishop John E. McCoy Sr.

Dannell was an outgoing young man who loved playing dominoes, various card games, and was very competitive. He grew up playing the drums for his church and played for many years.

He leaves to cherish her memory his mother, Beverly (Joseph) McCoy-Brown of Benton Harbor, and father, Darnell Ewing of Grand Rapids; seven children: Dannell Ewing Jr. of Elkhart, Ind., Kenyana and Janelle Ewing of South Haven, Jaela, Ma'Leah, Janaha, and Danyell Ewing all of Benton Harbor; six brothers and sisters: Anthony Ewing of Atlanta, Jermone McCoy of Bristol, Ind., Don Ewing, Sonya (who was Nell's best friend), (Ricky) Cooper, Nicole Osler, and Jasmine McCoy, all of Benton Harbor; maternal grandmother, Anna Louise McCoy; and a host of uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Bishop John E. McCoy Sr., and paternal grandparents: James and Ida Mae Ewing.

## Paul Kurt Kruger Jr.

Sept. 30, 1930 – Dec. 16, 2020

Paul Kurt Kruger Jr., 90, of Marcellus went to be with his Lord Wednesday, Dec. 16, 2020, at his home.

Paul was born on Sept. 30, 1930, in Baroda the son of Paul and Whilemena (Brant) Kruger Sr.

He worked in farming and manufacturing, being employed at Pemco in Bridgman for 18 years as a foreman.

On Dec. 17, 1949, Paul married the former Norma Jean Lausch.

He loved to fish, and loved to work with wood and make amazing designs.

Remaining to cherish his memory are his wife, Norma Kruger; son, Eric (Andrea) Kruger of Marcellus, daughters: Gloria (David) Thomas of Three Oaks, and Christine (Michael) Glass of Marcellus; many grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren; and brother, Richard (Elenore) Kruger of Pullman.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Hilda; two sons: Paul and Ronald; and three brothers: Walt, Waldmar, and Rudy.

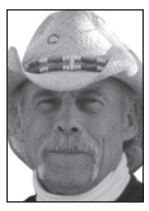
Visitation will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 21, at Edwards Corners Bible Church, 51047 Chamberlain Road, Marcellus, MI 49067. Funeral services will follow at 11 a.m. with Pastor Josh Wiggins officiating. Interment will be at Marcellus Cemetery.

Donations in Paul's memory may be directed to Edwards Corners Bible Church Building Fund or Hospice Care of Southwest Michigan. Envelopes are available at Hohner Funeral Home in care of Paul's arrangements.

Online condolences may be shared at www.hohnerfh.com.

## Robert J. Ott Jr.

March 7, 1954 – Dec. 14, 2020



Robert J. (RJ) Ott Jr., 66, of Bridgman passed away peacefully and surrounded by love at home Dec. 14, 2020.

RJ was born March 7, 1954, and had a true zest for living life to the fullest and will be remembered for his sense of humor, contagious smile, and his love of playing the harmonica. He loved to golf, hunt, and play horseshoes, especially with his Boat Brothers, and he was a proud veteran, having served in the U.S. Navy from 1974 to 1978.

Although RJ lived in Bridgman for most of his adult life, he tended to chase the sunshine to Arizona, where much of his family resides. He was a longtime construction worker and always took pride in his work, just like his dad.

He is survived by his daughter, Chelsea, who he always called his "sunshine" and was the apple of his eye, and her fiancé, Brandon Rood; his dad, Robert J. Ott Sr.; his siblings: Candy (Dan) Denman, Shelly (Tom) Ott, and Jason Ott; his ex-wife, Pat Ott; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews, who he loved very much. He was also endearingly known as "Uncle RJ" to many of his friends' children.

RJ was preceded in death by his mother, Polly Ott; his brother-in-law, Keith Loughmiller; and his father- and mother-in-law: Jim and Kitty Loughmiller.

At this time, no service will be held. However, a memorial gathering will be held at a later date, when we can gather safely and celebrate RJ's life.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in RJ's name to Caring Circle of Lakeland, who took such great care of him. When you think of RJ, pour a drink for him, play a card of keno, and remember him with a smile.

## George Lee Dewberry

Nov. 26, 1942 – Dec. 4, 2020

On Dec. 4, 2020, Bishop George Lee Dewberry transitioned from this earth to glory.

He was born to the union of Willie and Stevie Dewberry, on Nov. 26, 1942, in Zebulon, Ga.

His mother passed when he was 15 and his sister kept the family together and raised her siblings. He was saved in 1958 at Bethesda Temple Church in Dayton, Ohio. He was on the Usher Board, sang in the choir, and was the youth leader. He graduated from Roosevelt High School in Dayton.

He relocated to Detroit in 1973. He worked and retired from General Motors. He attended Bethel Apostolic Faith Church under the leadership of the late District Elder T. Woods. Then, he became the Eastern District Youth Leader. He attended Detroit Bible College, Andrews University Seminary, and Moody Bible College.

On July 29, 1999, he married Denise Nichols-Dewberry. He served as pastor for 43 years. Under the ministry, many lives have been changed, saved and a number of pastors have built their ministries.

He leaves to cherish his wife, Denise Dewberry; his children: Tychicus Dewberry, Lisa Dewberry, Ancel Dewberry, Corlis Nichols, Nichelle Doolittle, Tameka Doolittle, and Jessica Williams; one brother, Pastor Robert Dewberry (First Lady Helen Dewberry); mother-in-law, Armelia Nichols, 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; godchildren; spiritual sons; and the Greater Grace Temple family and friends.

Bishop Dewberry was preceded in death by his father, mother, two brothers and six sisters.

## Phyllis Marie VanDyke

Oct. 30, 1924 – Dec. 10, 2020

Phyllis Marie VanDyke, 96, of Benton Harbor passed away Thursday Dec. 10, 2020, at the Willows, St. Joseph.

Phyllis was born on Oct. 30, 1924, in Detroit to Roscoe and Bessie Shearer.

She moved to Kalamazoo as a child and graduated from Kalamazoo Central High School.

On Jan. 24, 1947, she married Richard Van Dyke, and they were always together for 73 years.

A homemaker most of her life, she truly was a selfless individual who was always there for her family no matter the circumstances. She was an extraordinary cook and made the best pies. She was an avid reader and kept a daily journal most of her life. She was always open to a cup of coffee and a piece of roll. She loved animals and was especially fond of cats, which she had many of over the years. She loved the Detroit Tigers and rarely missed a game. She and Dick also loved traveling "up north" to the cottage that they built on the Platte river.

She is survived by a son, Rick (Mary) VanDyke; four grandchildren: Deidre Ferree, Grant (Jenna) Wood, Elizabeth (Rick) Miesse and Jason (Holli) Wood; and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded by her husband, Dick, in February 2020; a daughter, Judy; and two sisters: Marion and Barbara.

Special thanks to Caring Circle of Lakeland. Donations in her name may be made to the Humane Society – Southwestern Michigan Yeager Family Pet Shelter.

For those who wish to leave a condolence you may do so at www.purelycremations.org.

## Ruth Martha Gehrke

Oct. 3, 1935 – Dec. 14, 2020

On Oct. 3, 1935, Ruth was born to William and Alzada (nee Brennan) Gehrke in Chicago.

On Dec. 14, 2020, she went to be with her beloved Jesus.

She went to grade school in Chicago at Our Savior Lutheran School, where she made many lifetime friends. After graduating from Taft High School in Chicago, she attended Valparaiso University and spent most of her working years at Service Glass Company with the best boss ever.

She spent much time volunteering at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Chicago and later in life at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Schaumburg, Ill.

In 2019, she moved to Woodland Terrace, Bridgman.

Beloved sister of Lorraine (Dillon) Jasper, and the late Lydia Gehrke (Mark) Kirkland; dear aunt of Anne (David) Goeltzer, and Jonathan (Beth), and David Jasper; fond cousin of Mathew (Linda) Walinski; great-aunt of eight.

Cremation has taken place and a private memorial will be held at some time in the future. Arrangements by Cremation Society of Illinois, or www.cremation-society.com.

See more obituaries on Page A5

# BIRTHS

### Lakeland Medical Center – Niles

Niles – Boy, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, Deniell Kuemin and Josh Perry, 11:21 p.m. Dec. 12.

Sawyer – Girl, 8 pounds, 12 ounces, Emerald Kiourtsis and Brad Penley, 8:08 a.m. Dec. 15.

### Lakeland Medical Center – St. Joseph

Coloma – Boy, 8 pounds even, Sarah and Jaron Chancellor, 2:17 p.m. Dec. 16.

Coloma – Girl, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, Jasmine Compos and Daren Finehut, 1:06 a.m. Dec. 12.

Hartford – Girl, 5 pounds, 7 ounces, Peris Wairia and Lance Burleson, 2:58 a.m. Dec. 11.

Hartford – Girl, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, Bethany Woolet and Kyle Pantelleria, 12:01 a.m. Dec. 17.

St. Joseph – Girl, 6 pounds, 14 ounces, Kathryn and Patrick Dabkowski, 5:09 p.m. Dec. 16.

St. Joseph – Boy, 9 pounds, 8 ounces, Nicole and Tyler Tiefenbach, 2:28 a.m. Dec. 13.

Stevensville – Girl, 8 pounds, 8 ounces, Amanda and Cody Huston, 9:33 p.m. Dec. 12.

Stevensville – Girl, 6 pounds, 2 ounces, Jane and Mathew Wainwright, 8:01 p.m. Dec. 16.

Watervliet – Girl, 5 pounds, 15 ounces, Bridgett Saylor and Shane Wright, 2:02 p.m. Dec. 10.

### Getting it straight

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# OBITUARIES

## Janie Bee Barrett

Dec. 27, 1943 – Dec. 10, 2020

Janie Bee Barrett, 76, of Benton Harbor passed away peacefully Thursday, Dec. 10, 2020, at The Timbers of Cass County, Dowagiac.

Janie was born on Dec. 27, 1943, to Solomon Cooper and Dora Mae Ross in Hayti, Missouri. At age 4, she moved to Benton Harbor. She accepted the Lord as her savior at an early age.

She married Charlie Barrett, a World War II veteran, on March 18, 1964, and he preceded her in death on July 18, 1971. She always said she would get her GED before her youngest son graduated from high school and she proudly received it weeks before in 1990.

She worked at numerous jobs in the agricultural, construction, and food service industry working night shifts to see her kids off to school each morning. She enjoyed cooking, gardening, playing solitaire, saving animals (pet turtle-Stevie) and most of all family time.

Janie was a kind, compassionate, fearless and gentle soul who lived her life as a testimony to Christian principles and values. She will be remembered for being a loving, dedicated mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who gave her all for her family. She will be deeply missed and forever in our hearts.

She is survived by eight children: sons: Willie (Cathelene) Campbell-Barrett of Garland, Texas, Charles Barrett of Hobart, Ind., Christopher Barrett and Cecil Barrett of Benton Harbor; daughters: Carol (Alton) Phillips Sr., of Greensboro, N.C., Connie Barrett, Sandra Barrett, and Cindy (Joseph) Taylor of Benton Harbor; 13 grandchildren: Crystal Poole, Alton (Chanel) Phillips Jr., Dezire Becke, Dejuan Becke, Charles Poole, Constance McCoy, Jonathan Campbell, Brittany Phillips, Corey Isom, Joseph Taylor Jr., Jordan Phillips, Joshawn Taylor, Lakesha (Kenneth) Sindle; 18 great-grandchildren; as well as a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, family, and friends. She is also survived by her brothers: Lonzo (Lucinda) Boykin of Chicago, and Walter Campbell Jr., of Battle Creek; sister, Mertha J. Shoat of Independence, Kan., and god-sisters: Hazel (Joseph) Griffin Sr., and Margaret Batiest of Benton Harbor.

Janie was preceded in death by her parents: Solomon Cooper and Dora Mae Ross; son, Jerry Barrett; adoptive parents: Walter (Geneva) Campbell Sr., brother, Theodore Cooper; uncle, Thomas (Hessie) Ross; and special friend, Ernest McCall.

The family wishes to extend their gratitude to the staff at The Timbers of Cass County for their love and support.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph. Those wishing to send condolences online may do so at www.starks-mechinger.com. Friends may visit with family from noon to 1 p.m., Monday, Dec. 21, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. The service will be at 1 p.m. at the funeral home and burial will follow immediately after at Crystal Springs Cemetery. A repass will not be held at this time.

## Martin L. Trousdale

May 23, 1964 – Dec. 13, 2020

Martin L. Trousdale, 56, of Coloma passed away Sunday, Dec. 13, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

A celebration of life service will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Roa., St. Joseph, with Pastor Tom Bird officiating. Burial will follow at North Shore Memory Gardens. Friends may visit with the family on Wednesday, from 11 a.m. until time of the service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to help fight COVID-19 to International Rescue Committee, P.O. Box 6068, Albert Lea, MN 56007-9847, or to Berrien County Cancer Service, 3900 Hollywood Rd., St. Joseph. Those wishing to leave a condolence online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Martin was born on May 23, 1964, to Robert and Gwendolyn (Faulkenberry) Trousdale in Florence, Ala. He graduated from St. Joseph High School.

Martin worked for Hanson Mold as a precision machinist. He had a passion for hunting, fishing, cooking and working on cars. He also enjoyed going on bike rides, walks and listening to music. Most of all, he loved to spend his time with his family.

Martin is survived by his children: Zack Trousdale, Abby (Jared) Simpson, and Samantha Trousdale; siblings: Sheila (Jeff) Trousdale-Smith, Rose (Barry) Kephart and Keith Trousdale; and many nieces and nephews.

Martin was preceded in death by his parents: Robert and Gwendolyn Trousdale.

# LEGISLATIVE ROLL CALL

On Thursday the House was in past midnight, so this report does not include its votes for that day.

**Senate Bill 1253, Limit state health department epidemic orders without legislative approval: Passed 22 to 16 in the Senate**

To restrict emergency orders issued by state Department of Health and Human Services in response to an epidemic to 28 days unless an extension is approved by the legislature.

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| 21 Sen. Kim LaSata | R – Bainbridge Twp. | Y |
| 26 Sen. Aric Nesbitt | R – Lawton | Y |

**House Bill 5679, Remove retroactive restrictions from sex offender registry law and more: Passed 21 to 17 in the Senate**

To revise the state's public sexual offender registry law in response to a court ruling that banned enforcing new registrations, restrictions and requirements on individual registrants if these were not in force when the individual was required to register. The bill also adds some new restrictions and requirements.

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| 21 Sen. Kim LaSata | R – Bainbridge Twp. | Y |
| 26 Sen. Aric Nesbitt | R – Lawton | Y |

**House Bill 6190, Extend public swimming pool regulations to private 'learn to swim' facilities: Passed 37 to 1 in the Senate**

To impose the same state regulations that apply to a "public swimming pool" to private "learn to swim facilities," defined as a swimming pool used primarily for a member-based swim instruction business.

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| 21 Sen. Kim LaSata | R – Bainbridge Twp. | Y |
| 26 Sen. Aric Nesbitt | R – Lawton | Y |

**House Bill 4042, Authorize interstate nurse licensure compact: Passed 21 to 17 in the Senate**

To authorize Michigan's participation in an interstate nurses licensure compact that would allow registered nurses (RNs) and licensed practical/vocational nurses (LPNs/VNs) to get a multi-state license that is good in all states that join the compact.

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| 21 Sen. Kim LaSata | R – Bainbridge Twp. | Y |
| 26 Sen. Aric Nesbitt | R – Lawton | Y |

**House Bill 4187, Expand data breach response requirements: Passed 38 to 0 in the Senate**

To establish detailed rules for personal information data breaches that create a substantial risk of identity theft or fraud, including notice requirements, reporting requirements, guidelines, penalties and more for businesses, associations and state agencies.

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| 21 Sen. Kim LaSata | R – Bainbridge Twp. | Y |
| 26 Sen. Aric Nesbitt | R – Lawton | Y |

House Bill 5856, Repeal minimum sentences in various laws: Passed 38 to 0 in the Senate

To eliminate mandatory minimum sentences for many violations of the state's environmental protection laws. This is part of a legislative criminal law reform package that makes similar changes in other laws.

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| 21 Sen. Kim LaSata | R – Bainbridge Twp. | Y |
| 26 Sen. Aric Nesbitt | R – Lawton | Y |

**House Bill 5846, Repeal drivers license suspension penalty in many laws: Passed 38 to 0 in the Senate**

To repeal provisions that authorize the state to revoke, suspend or deny an individual's drivers license for violations of a large number of laws, many unrelated to driving or vehicles. This is part of a bipartisan legislative package that makes similar changes in other laws.

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| 21 Sen. Kim LaSata | R – Bainbridge Twp. | Y |
| 26 Sen. Aric Nesbitt | R – Lawton | Y |

**House Bill 4488, Limit using criminal background to bar occupational licensure: Passed 38 to 0 in the Senate**

To limit the use of criminal records to determine whether an individual is eligible to get an occupational license mandated by the state, which is required to earn a living in many professions. Specifically, with some exceptions a licensing board or agency could not consider past civil judgments or lawsuits against an individual, or the mere fact of a criminal conviction, as evidence of a "lack of good moral character." This is one of several bills amending different license laws.

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| 21 Sen. Kim LaSata | R – Bainbridge Twp. | Y |
| 26 Sen. Aric Nesbitt | R – Lawton | Y |

**Senate Bill 1256, Restrict county road commission power to regulate and tax "5G": Passed 36 to 2 in the Senate**

To include county road commissions in a 2018 law that caps the amount the state and local governments can charge for zoning, permits and other fees imposed on these "5G" networks. The bill would limit the power of county road commissions to regulate and tax this industry.

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| 21 Sen. Kim LaSata | R – Bainbridge Twp. | Y |
| 26 Sen. Aric Nesbitt | R – Lawton | Y |

**Senate Bill 1215, Authorize local government bridge operation deals with developers: Passed 94 to 15 in the House**

To establish rules for a city that contracts with a private developer (a "public-private partnership") to build and operate a toll bridge for as long as 75 years. This is said to be focused on Bay City.

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| 59 Rep. Aaron Miller | R – Sturgis | Y |
| 66 Rep. Beth Griffin | R – Mattawan | Y |
| 78 Rep. Brad Paquette | R – Niles | Y |
| 79 Rep. Pauline Wendzel | R – Bainbridge Twp. | Y |
| 80 Rep. Mary Whiteford | R – Casco Twp. | Y |

**Senate Bill 1251, Borrow money for Flint water contamination settlements: Passed 103 to 5 in the House**

To authorize borrowing $600 million to resolve and settle claims for the Flint water contamination litigation, as part of a settlement agreement. Senate Bill 1252 specifies annual payments of $35 million through 2050-51 fiscal year.

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| 59 Rep. Aaron Miller | R – Sturgis | Y |
| 66 Rep. Beth Griffin | R – Mattawan | Y |
| 78 Rep. Brad Paquette | R – Niles | Y |
| 79 Rep. Pauline Wendzel | R – Bainbridge Twp. | Y |
| 80 Rep. Mary Whiteford | R – Casco Twp. | Y |

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## DO YOU REMEMBER?

### 1995 – 25 years ago

Jasmine Moore, the daughter of Charles and Betty Moore of Benton Harbor, has been accepted for membership into the U.S. Collegiate Wind Band, a highly selective National Honors Band that will make a three-week concert tour of Europe and England in July. Moore is a junior and member of the Benton Harbor High School Orchestra and was a member of the Lake Michigan Youth Orchestra.

### 1985 – 35 years ago

Mothers who have delivered their babies at Berrien General Hospital's Birth-place have a special treat in store, a unique evening delivery called "Something Special," according to Betsy Zech, R.N., and Birth-place director. An elegant tea cart stocked with pastries, cheeses and crackers, fresh fruit and beverages is taken to Birth-place each night. Complete with fine china and wine glasses, the cart is taken from room to room. "Something Special" represents the celebration of women and the miracle of childbirth.

### 1970 – 50 years ago

Southwest Michigan won't have a Blossomtime Festival in 1971, because of withdrawal of financial support by governmental units. The announcement was made Friday by Donald Humphrey, president of Blossomtime Inc., after a meeting Friday of the Blossomtime Board of Directors. The board is hopeful of finding some means of raising revenue that will permit continuance of the festival in 1972.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Saturday, Dec. 19, the 354th day of 2020. There are 12 days left in the year.

**Highlight in history:**

On Dec. 19, 1998, President Bill Clinton was impeached by the Republican-controlled House for perjury and obstruction of justice (he was subsequently acquitted by the Senate).

**On this date:**

In 1777, during the American Revolutionary War, Gen. George Washington led his army of about 11,000 men to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, to camp for the winter.

In 1843, "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens, was first published in England.

In 1915, legendary French chanteuse Edith Piaf was born in Paris. German psychiatrist Alois Alzheimer, who discovered the pathological condition of dementia, died in Breslau (now Wroclaw), Poland, at age 51.

In 1960, fire broke out on the hangar deck of the nearly completed aircraft carrier USS Constellation at the New York Naval Shipyard; 50 civilian workers were killed.

In 1972, Apollo 17 splashed down in the Pacific, winding up the Apollo program of manned lunar landings.

In 1974, Nelson A. Rockefeller was sworn in as the 41st vice president of the United States in the U.S. Senate chamber by Chief Justice Warren Burger with President Gerald R. Ford looking on.

In 1975, John Paul Stevens was sworn in as an Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.

## 5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

| Today | Tonight | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Few Showers | Few Showers | Mostly Cloudy | Chance Rain & Snow | Mostly Cloudy | Mostly Cloudy |
| 42° | 33° | 39° / 31° | 42° / 33° | 41° / 34° | 44° / 23° |

### Local Outlook

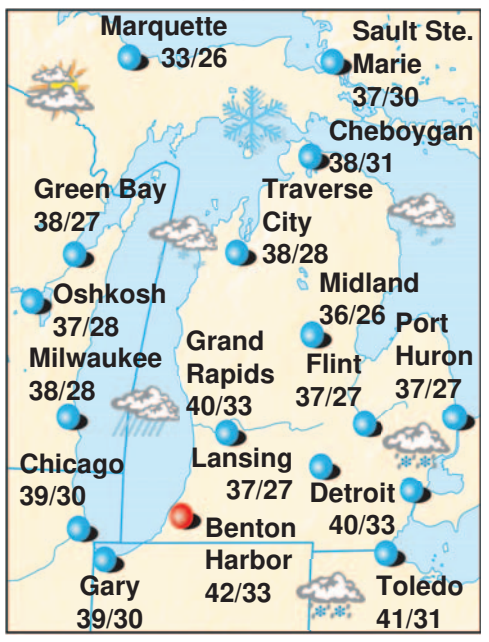
Today we will see cloudy skies with a 40% chance of showers, high of 42°, humidity of 76%. South wind 7 to 16 mph. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 40% chance of showers, overnight low of 33°. Southwest wind 6 to 9 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 26°.

### Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 8:10 a.m.
Sunset ..... 5:16 p.m.
Moonrise ..... 12:13 p.m.
Moonset ..... 10:45 p.m.

| First | Full | Last | New |
|---|---|---|---|
| 12/21 | 12/29 | 1/6 | 1/13 |

### Regional Map




### Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

**Temperature**

| | |
|---|---|
| High | 36° |
| Low | 21° |
| Normal High | 34° |
| Normal Low | 21° |
| Record High | 53° in 2002 |
| Record Low | -9° in 2016 |

**Precipitation**

| | |
|---|---|
| Yesterday | 0.00" |
| Month to date | 1.19" |
| Normal for month | 1.34" |
| Year to date | 33.22" |
| Normal Year to date | 36.67" |

### Air Quality

Yesterday ..... 86
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

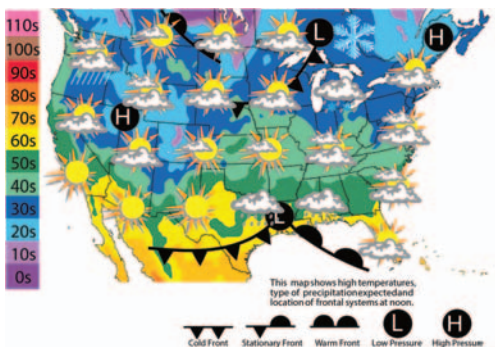
### Weather Trivia

*What type of lightning occurs most frequently?*

Answer: Cloud to cloud lightning.

### National Weather Map

Forecast map for Dec. 19, 2020




For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

### Lake Michigan

Today, S wind 9 to 15 kt, with gusts as high as 21 kt. A chance of rain and snow showers. Waves 1 to 2 ft. Water temperature 38 degrees. Tonight, SW wind 9 to 13 kt.

### Michigan Forecast

**Upper Peninsula**

Today, skies will be cloudy with widespread snow showers, highs in the 30s. South wind 3 to 9 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Sunday with highs in the 30s. Southwest wind 7 to 13 mph.

**Lower Peninsula**

Today, skies will be cloudy with scattered rain and snow, highs in the 30s and 40s. South wind 7 to 16 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Sunday with highs in the 30s and 40s. Southwest wind 8 to 14 mph.

# U.S. experts debate: Who should be next in line for vaccine?

By MIKE STOBBE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Deciding that health care workers and nursing home residents should be first in line for the initial, limited supplies of COVID-19 shots wasn't that hard a call. Now U.S. health officials have to determine who should be next.

How high a priority, for example, should senior citizens, teachers, transit workers and supermarket employees get in the next few months as more vaccine becomes available?

A federal panel of vaccination experts takes up that question at an emergency meeting this weekend. Its guidance is not binding, and no matter what it decides, there will be differences from state to state.

The panel members are leaning toward putting "essential workers" next up because people like bus drivers, grocery store clerks and others who perform vital jobs that can't be done from home are the ones getting infected most often. That is also where concerns about racial inequities in the crisis are most apparent. Many essential workers are Black and Hispanic.

But other experts say people 65 and older should be next, along with people with certain medical conditions. Those are the ones who are dying at the highest rates, they say.

The panel is scheduled to vote on the proposal Sunday.

"I think we know this isn't going to be perfect. We don't have vaccine for everyone right away, so we're going to have to make difficult decisions," said Claire Hannan, executive director of an organization that represents managers of state vaccination programs.

If essential workers are indeed next up, states already have different ideas about who among them should be closer to the front of the line.

In Nevada, for example, teachers and child care staff will be ahead of public transportation workers, according to the state's current plan. Then come agriculture and food workers, and then retail and utility employees.

In South Dakota, teachers could get access before those working in food and transportation. In Arkansas, the essential workers list includes teachers, prison guards, police officers, meatpacking plant workers and mayors.

The advice of the expert panel – the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices – is almost always endorsed by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. That's what happened earlier this month, when the group said top priority should be given to health care workers and residents of long-term care homes for the 20 million initial vaccinations this month.

But it's not clear things will go the same way in the next phase. CDC Director Dr. Robert Redfield has said he believes priority should be given to people 70 and older who live with children or grandchildren.

The advisory panel's chairman, Dr. Jose Romero, told The Associated Press he was aware of Redfield's comments but had not spoken directly with him about it.

Redfield declined to say if he would prioritize senior citizens over essential workers even if the panel recommended the reverse. "I look forward to listening to the advisory group's discussion, and to receiving its recommendation for consideration," he said in an email to the AP.

State-to-state variations are likely to increase in the next-priority groups, said the Kaiser Family Foundation's Jennifer Kates, who has been analyzing state vaccination plans.

"I think we're going to see states falling out in different ways," with some putting older people ahead of essential workers, Kates said.

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by the latest safety information provided by public health authorities," two union presidents, Paula Herbart of the Michigan Education Association and David Hecker of AFT Michigan, said in a statement.

State health director Robert Gordon announced an antigen-testing program so the high school football, volleyball, and swimming and diving tournaments can be completed.

Michigan's seven-day average of daily new COVID-19 cases is at 4,662, well down from 8,344 two weeks ago. The average positivity rate is 9 percent, a drop from 13.3 percent on Dec. 3, according to The COVID Tracking Project. Average daily deaths, which lag cases, have slightly risen from 124 to nearly 129 over two weeks. About 3,400 were hospitalized with virus-related symptoms on Thursday, a decrease from roughly 4,300 on Dec. 1.

"Michiganders did what they were supposed to do over the Thanksgiving holiday, and we avoided the surge that so many other states are seeing," said Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, the state's chief medical executive and chief deputy health director. "While I'm still concerned that our cases are six times higher than they were at the beginning of September, things are certainly trending in the right direction."

Critics, though, blasted Whitmer's continued ban on indoor service at restaurants. Since March, dining rooms will have been closed for 143 days by Jan. 15 – almost five months.

The ban on dining has been met with some defiance. The state this week yanked liquor licenses and permits for an additional eight establishments for violations including in-person gatherings, dining and a lack of face coverings.

## Whitmer criticizes feds over vaccine shipments

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — A frustrated Gov. Gretchen Whitmer on Friday criticized the Trump administration because Michigan will receive fewer doses of the COVID-19 vaccine than expected in its next allocation, saying she cannot get a "straight answer."

The state is due 60,000 doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine in its second allotment, down from an anticipated 84,825. Several other states have reported similar cuts.

"I still cannot get a straight answer out of the Trump administration about why Michigan, like many other states, is receiving a fraction of the vaccines that we were slated to receive," the Democratic governor said at a news conference. "There are millions of Pfizer vaccines, many right here in Portage, Michigan, that are waiting to be shipped. But the feds are slow-walking the process of getting the addresses to Pfizer for some reason I cannot get an answer to."

Spokespeople at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services did not immediately respond to a request for comment. But a senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss the evolving response, told The Associated Press: "There is some confusion between planning and training numbers provided in mid-November and official allocations. Official allocations only come the week ahead because they're based on the number of doses available to allocate. We are working on clearing up any confusion with the states."

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★ PTSD Counselors from the South Bend Vet Center who come to Berrien County twice a week.

★ Non-Service Connected Veterans Pension and Survivors Pension benefits (House Bound as well as Aid and Attendance) for low income veterans over age 65 or prior to age 65 that are disabled and have at least one day of wartime service (additional means tested restrictions apply).

★ Free transportation at designated stops for veterans enrolled in the VA Health Benefits Program to the VA Medical Center in Battle Creek and the VA Health Care Center in Mishawaka.

★ Financial assistance thru the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund for wartime veterans or peacetime veterans who earned an expeditionary medal (additional means tested restrictions apply).

★ Free financial coaching from an Accredited Financial Counselor and Financial Fitness Coach Counselor as well as ongoing Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University Military Edition classes.

# hp SPORTS

**Purple sandpipers among many winter visitors**

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# SMAC honors fall athletes

**By HP STAFF**

The Southwestern Michigan Athletic Conference has announced its fall all-conference teams for the 2020 season.

Lakeshore and St. Joseph were both well-represented on the all-SMAC football team. Lakeshore first-team selections included defensive lineman Evin Koeppe, linebacker Treyjen Keim, defensive back Grant Ruddell, offensive lineman Kaleb Tollefson, and running back Aidan Jackson.

St. Joseph first-teamers were defensive lineman Sam Simpson, linebacker Malik Immoos, defensive back Brennen Kerns, offensive lineman Logan Veldman, wide receiver Griffin Shinrock, quarterback Troy Pratley, kicker Reese Uzelac, and at-large selection Joe Brown.

Local second-team picks included Lakeshore defensive lineman RJ Veldman, offensive lineman Joe Kissane, and at-large selection JJ Bushu, as well as St. Joseph linebacker Carter Vonk and defensive back Preston Nichols.

Earning honorable mention were St. Joseph offensive linemen Jerry Capaccio and Mason Gedert, linebacker Max Altholz and tight end Riley Biggins, along with Lakeshore defensive back Dan Vaughn.

In volleyball, St. Joseph's Karly Klaer was the lone local representative on the all-SMAC West first team. Second-teamers were St. Joseph's Kate Gersonde and Lakeshore's Cail Allen, while honorable mention went to the Bears' Lindsey Piontek and the Lancers' Lily Cashen.

St. Joseph finished tied for first in the SMAC boys soccer regular-season standings, and had five players earn first-team all-conference – Jacob Scouler, Jack Pender, Seth Walters, Russell Ebert and Christian Shannon. Lakeshore first-teamers were Nathan Marohn, Lars Samuel, and Trevor Olson.

Honorable mentions went to the Bears' Cameron Dirlam and Preston Nichols, and the Lancers' Bryce Benedict and Justin Hafling.

St. Joseph won its eighth straight SMAC girls golf title, and put five golfers on the all-SMAC first team – Maya Hunter, Izzy Ugalde, Gracie Thomas, Morgan Guzzo and Madison Jackson. Hunter, Ugalde and Thomas also made the all-SMAC West first team, along with Lakeshore's Paige Gardiner. The Bears' Sydney Lim and Maddy Cleveland were honorable mention.

Lakeshore's boys tennis brother tandem of Tyler Coates and Landon Coates were both first-team all-conference singles players, along with St. Joseph's Justice Waldman. The Bears had three honorable mention picks – singles player Grant Banasik, and the doubles pairing of Owen Faulkner and Ani Anirudh.

The Bridgman co-op girls swimming team had swimmers from four different

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Charles Rex Arbogast / AP

Houston quarterback Deshaun Watson is sacked by Chicago's Mario Edwards during the second half of a Dec. 13 game.

# Different circumstances

## Bears visit Vikings, at playoff race pace for once

**By DAVE CAMPBELL**
AP Pro Football Writer

MINNEAPOLIS — When the Minnesota Vikings finished their debut 2016 season at U.S. Bank Stadium, the game against the Chicago Bears between two eliminated teams was so perfunctory that oil pipeline protesters managed to rappel from the roof to unfurl a banner and become the stars of the show.

In 2017, with the Bears again buried in the standings well before, the finale was staged in the same place. The Vikings already had their first-round bye sewed up.

The division rivals were – déjà vu! – matched up on a copied-and-pasted Week 17 schedule in 2018, too. Chicago's NFC North title and seed for the playoffs was secure. The Vikings could have snagged a spot for themselves with a win, but they fell flat from the start and sucked most of the air out of the increased intrigue by halftime.

Guess who came to Minnesota for the last game of 2019? Sure enough, Chicago showed up for a meaningless matchup with the home team that already had a wild-card berth clinched.

Maybe the game just needed to be moved up a bit.

Though the Bears are again the assigned opponent this year for the Vikings' home finale, they'll square off on Sunday in Week 15. Plus, both teams are 6-7 and in must-win mode for the postseason race. Arizona leads them by one game for the third wild-card spot.

"There's nothing to overhype about it. We just know what's at stake," Vikings running back Dalvin Cook, whose team lost control of the final position with a 26-14 defeat at Tampa Bay last week.

After the Bears stopped a six-game losing streak last week with a 36-7 victory over Houston, coach Matt Nagy made a point to mention the standings in meeting with the players this week.

"Obviously winning the division is no longer realistic," Nagy said, "but we want to do everything we can to be able to get into those extra games and in the playoffs."

### Protection plan

Vikings quarterback Kirk Cousins, who has had plenty of trouble with Chicago's pass rush over the past two seasons, matched a career high by taking six sacks last week. The Bears are only 16th in the league in sacks per pass attempt this season, but they notched seven sacks last week.

"I always look at myself and say, 'How can I get rid of the ball quicker?' Cousins said. "Whether that's a completion or a throwaway, when you start to feel that

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# COVID-19 testing program to revive MHSAA fall sports

## Fall tournaments to be finished in January under new plan

**By JARED PURCELL**
mlive.com

After many months of navigating the coronavirus pandemic, the longest high school sports fall season in Michigan history may finally reach its conclusion in January thanks to a new antigen testing program.

On Friday afternoon, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services director Robert Gordon announced in a news conference that the remaining fall tournaments for football, volleyball and girls swimming and diving can resume due to being included in the new testing program.

"We will also be offering a new pilot program for fall sports, including contact sports, that use antigen tests in order to ensure safety as students complete high school fall championships," Gordon said. "This is a very limited number of schools that had seasons interrupted."

The remaining fall sports can resume in-person practices on Monday, Dec. 21. Football regional finals, including Lakeshore at DeWitt, are set to take place Jan. 2, with the state semifinals and finals the following two weekends. The girls swimming and diving finals will be held Jan. 15-16.

Michigan High School Athletic Association executive director Mark Uyl expressed his excitement about the new testing program in a virtual news conference with reporters.

"What it's going to allow is for kids to have some closure on their fall seasons over the next 29 days," Uyl said. "We've been able to get our dates in place. Part of the testing program that's required is there will be a rapid test that we'll get to schools here shortly. We're still working through some of the details on how the exact process will work. Essentially, there will be some testing in place."

Uyl added that much of the information collected from the pilot program over the next four weeks should help schools reopen in January and stay open.

"Many of these rapid test resources are being reallocated to schools as of the New Year, because for the last few months, those have all been going to nursing homes, of which those vaccinations … are actively going on," Uyl said. "That's why there is going to some increase in testing capacity. The Health and Human Services wanted to partner with an entity that would have a limited number of schools, a limited number of student athletes, and certainly would be the remaining fall sports that were left.

"It seemed to make an awful lot of sense."

Uyl mentioned that the testing is provided by the MHDDS at no cost to the MHSAA or schools. Uyl said the MHDDS was responsible for the development and implication of the new testing program.

"The concept all came from the Department of Health and Human Services," Uyl said. "I know the press conference – I think it was about a week ago – we heard Gov. (Gretchen)

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# Playoff math not allowed for Lions, Titans

**By TERESA M. WALKER**
AP Pro Football Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee has gone 12 long seasons since last winning the AFC South, and the current Titans are in no mood to be distracted with this big goal so close at hand.

They could clinch at least this franchise's third playoff berth in four years Sunday by beating the Detroit Lions. But they'll still need outside help under a trio of scenarios involving losses by Baltimore, Las Vegas, Miami and Cleveland.

First things first. The Titans (9-4) know they must focus on trying to beat the Lions (5-8) because their spot atop the AFC South is only due to having the divisional tiebreaker over Indianapolis.

"When you start looking around and worrying about things that are out of your control or things that don't really matter to this team, you're wasting time, you're wasting your energy, and you're not focused on the things that you need to focus (on)," Titans quarterback Ryan Tannehill said.

Paul Sancya / AP

Detroit Lions quarterback Matthew Stafford (9) walks off the field during the second half of a Dec. 13 game.

The Titans are coming off a perfunctory 31-10 win over Jacksonville, and this will be their final home game of the season if they don't take care of business with three games remaining.

"Hopefully nobody talks about anything past this week," Titans coach Mike Vrabel said.

The Lions haven't been eliminated from playoff contention just yet. They're 10th in the NFC with home games against Tampa Bay and Minnesota still left. Interim coach Darrell Bevell is 1-1 since the Lions fired coach Matt Patricia.

Bevell said people are watching the Lions to see if they keep competing or throw in the towel.

"If I have anything to say about it or these players do, we're going to keep fighting," Bevell said. "And 1 percent (playoff chance)? We'll take it. I don't even know if that's right, but we'll take it."

### Stafford status

Matthew Stafford was unable to finish Detroit's 31-24 loss to Green Bay last week because of a rib injury. The Lions plan to wait as long as possible to determine if Stafford would be in or out against the Titans.

If Stafford can't play, 34-year-old Chase Daniel would be in line for the sixth start of his career with second-year pro David Blough his backup. Daniel has one touchdown and one interception this season in relief with eight career TD passes and six interceptions. Blough lost all five starts last year.

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Phelan M. Ebenhack / AP

Tiger Woods, right, chats with his son Charlie on the 11th green during a practice round of the Father Son Challenge golf tournament on Thursday.

# Tiger Woods' son more famous than his dad at PNC

**By DOUG FERGUSON**
AP Golf Writer

ORLANDO, Fla. — Padraig Harrington and Tiger Woods turned pro about the same time and have played in some 170 tournaments around the world together. That gave Harrington enough experience to speak to what he saw at the PNC Championship.

"This is the first tournament I've ever played in that Tiger Woods is playing in that he's not the star of the show," Harrington said Friday. "He should know that himself. He ain't the star of the show this week, and that's very much amongst the players. Everybody is stopping to watch Charlie."

That would be Charlie Woods, the 11-year-old son of the 15-time major champion.

Alastair Johnston, the vice chairman at IMG, came up with the concept of this tournament 25 years ago as a 36-hole event in which TV viewers would want to see major champions play alongside their sons and daughters. As much as the Hall of Fame players were already on TV, he figured most of the curiosity would

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## SPORTS BRIEFS

### SMC cross country approved for 2021 postseason

Southwestern Michigan College's cross country teams will be eligible for postseason competition when they return next fall.

The National Junior College Athletic Association recently approved an exception to allow SMC to compete in the postseason in its first season restarting its program.

SMC has not offered any varsity athletic programs since the 1996-97 school year, but recently announced it will bring back cross country, by far its most successful sport. The Roadrunners won five men's NJCAA Division I national championshios from 1973-1981.

### Lee lifts Western Mich. past Central

KALAMAZOO (AP) — Greg Lee had 17 points and 11 rebounds to lead Western Michigan to a 76-61 win over Central Michigan on Friday.

The game marked the first Mid-American Conference matchup of the season for both teams.

B. Artis White had 16 points for Western Michigan (2-4, 1-0 Mid-American Conference). Patrick Emilien added 10 points.

Meikkel Murray had 18 points and eight rebounds for the Chippewas (3-4, 0-1). Devontae Lane added 13 points and five steals. Travon Broadway Jr. had 13 points.

Western Michigan plays Ball St. at home on Tuesday. Central Michigan plays Olivet College at home on Sunday.

### NBA approves sale of Jazz to technology entrepreneur

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The NBA's Board of Governors unanimously approved the sale Friday of the Utah Jazz to a group led by technology entrepreneur Ryan Smith, ending the Miller family's 35-year run as owners of the franchise.

The deal includes Vivint Arena, the team's G League affiliate and management of a Triple-A baseball club. Part of the sales agreement calls for the team to remain in Utah.

Smith is a cofounder of the Utah-based firm Qualtrics, which was sold to SAP for $8 billion in an all-cash deal finalized last year.

Larry and Gail Miller bought 50 percent of the Jazz in May 1985 for $8 million, then bought the remaining 50 percent the following year for $14 million.

Forbes, in its annual valuation of franchises, said the Jazz were worth $1.55 billion earlier this year. The Miller family will retain a stake in the franchise.

The Jazz have the NBA's third-best record since the 1985-86 season, their .588 winning percentage in that span trailing only San Antonio (.633) and the Los Angeles Lakers (.596).

### Top-ranked Jin Young Ko takes lead in LPGA Tour finale

NAPLES, Fla. (AP) — Top-ranked Jin Young Ko took the lead into the weekend in the LPGA Tour's CME Group Tour Championship, putting herself in position to win the season money title in only four events.

Ko shot a 5-under 67 on Friday in chilly and breezy conditions at Tiburon Golf Club to take a one-stroke lead over defending champion Sei Young Kim and 2018 winner Lexi Thompson in the season-ending event.

The $1.1 million winner's prize, down from $1.5 million last year, is the richest in women's golf. Ko is 13th on the money list with $567,925.

Inbee Park is the leader with $1,365,138, and Kim second with $1,207,438. Ko also is trying to hold off No. 2 Kim in the world ranking.

Kim had a 69. She has two victories this season.

Thompson, the first-round leader after a 65, had two late birdies in a 71.

Nelly Korda (66) was three strokes back at 6 under with Cydney Clanton (68), Austin Ernst (69), Georgia Hall (69), Megan Khang (71) and Caroline Masson (71).

## SCOREBOARD

### NFL

**AMERICAN CONFERENCE**

| East | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Buffalo | 10 | 3 | 0 | .769 | 359 | 321 |
| Miami | 8 | 5 | 0 | .615 | 330 | 245 |
| New England | 6 | 7 | 0 | .462 | 277 | 279 |
| N.Y. Jets | 0 | 13 | 0 | .000 | 183 | 393 |
| **South** | **W** | **L** | **T** | **Pct** | **PF** | **PA** |
| Indianapolis | 9 | 4 | 0 | .692 | 372 | 300 |
| Tennessee | 9 | 4 | 0 | .692 | 390 | 336 |
| Houston | 4 | 9 | 0 | .308 | 295 | 359 |
| Jacksonville | 1 | 12 | 0 | .077 | 261 | 383 |
| **North** | **W** | **L** | **T** | **Pct** | **PF** | **PA** |
| x-Pittsburgh | 11 | 2 | 0 | .846 | 349 | 237 |
| Cleveland | 9 | 4 | 0 | .692 | 348 | 368 |
| Baltimore | 8 | 5 | 0 | .615 | 363 | 273 |
| Cincinnati | 2 | 10 | 1 | .192 | 244 | 338 |
| **West** | **W** | **L** | **T** | **Pct** | **PF** | **PA** |
| yx-Kansas City | 12 | 1 | 0 | .923 | 403 | 281 |
| Las Vegas | 7 | 7 | 0 | .500 | 377 | 421 |
| Denver | 5 | 8 | 0 | .385 | 257 | 347 |
| L.A. Chargers | 5 | 9 | 0 | .357 | 327 | 389 |

**NATIONAL CONFERENCE**

| East | W | L | T | Pct | PF | PA |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Washington | 6 | 7 | 0 | .462 | 287 | 275 |
| N.Y. Giants | 5 | 8 | 0 | .385 | 238 | 291 |
| Phila. | 4 | 8 | 1 | .346 | 277 | 328 |
| Dallas | 4 | 9 | 0 | .308 | 298 | 400 |
| **South** | **W** | **L** | **T** | **Pct** | **PF** | **PA** |
| x-New Orleans | 10 | 3 | 0 | .769 | 368 | 265 |
| Tampa Bay | 8 | 5 | 0 | .615 | 370 | 294 |
| Atlanta | 4 | 9 | 0 | .308 | 328 | 322 |
| Carolina | 4 | 9 | 0 | .308 | 307 | 332 |
| **North** | **W** | **L** | **T** | **Pct** | **PF** | **PA** |
| yx-Green Bay | 10 | 3 | 0 | .769 | 410 | 323 |
| Chicago | 6 | 7 | 0 | .462 | 282 | 291 |
| Minnesota | 6 | 7 | 0 | .462 | 333 | 355 |
| Detroit | 5 | 8 | 0 | .385 | 310 | 389 |
| **West** | **W** | **L** | **T** | **Pct** | **PF** | **PA** |
| L.A. Rams | 9 | 4 | 0 | .692 | 325 | 246 |
| Seattle | 9 | 4 | 0 | .692 | 393 | 324 |
| Arizona | 7 | 6 | 0 | .538 | 358 | 303 |
| San Francisco | 5 | 8 | 0 | .385 | 300 | 311 |

x-clinched playoff spot
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**Thursday's Game**
L.A. Chargers 30, Las Vegas 27, OT

**Saturday's Games**
Buffalo at Denver, 4:30 p.m.
Carolina at Green Bay, 8:15 p.m.

**Sunday's Games**
Chicago at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Houston at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
New England at Miami, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Washington, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Atlanta, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at L.A. Rams, 4:05 p.m.
Phila. at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Kansas City at New Orleans, 4:25 p.m.
Cleveland at N.Y. Giants, 8:20 p.m.

**Monday's Game**
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 8:15 p.m.

**Friday, Dec. 25**
Minnesota at New Orleans, 4:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Dec. 26**
Tampa Bay at Detroit, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at Arizona, 4:30 p.m.
Miami at Las Vegas, 8:15 p.m.

**Sunday, Dec. 27**
Atlanta at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Washington, 1 p.m.
Chicago at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Cincinnati at Houston, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.
Phila. at Dallas, 4:25 p.m.
Tennessee at Green Bay, 8:20 p.m.

**Monday, Dec. 28**
Buffalo at New England, 8:15 p.m.

### COLLEGE FOOTBALL

**College Football Schedule**
**Friday, Dec. 18**
UAB (5-3) at Marshall (7-1)
Nebraska (2-5) at Rutgers (3-5)
Ball St. (5-1) vs. Buffalo (5-0)
Oregon (3-2) at Southern Cal (5-0)

**Saturday, Dec. 19**
Texas A&M (7-1) at Tennessee (3-6), Noon
Northwestern (6-1) vs. Ohio St. (5-0), Noon
Oklahoma (7-2) vs. Iowa St. (8-2), Noon
Washington St. (1-2) at Utah (2-2), 1:30 p.m.
Air Force (3-2) at Army (8-2), 3 p.m.
Missouri (5-4) at Miss. St. (2-7), 3:30 p.m.
Mississippi (4-4) at LSU (4-5), 3:30 p.m.
Clemson (9-1) vs. Notre Dame (10-0), 4 p.m.
Minnesota (3-3) at Wisconsin (2-3), 4 p.m.
Boise St. (5-1) at San Jose St. (6-0), 4:30 p.m.
Illinois (2-5) at Penn St. (3-5), 5:30 p.m.
Stanford (3-2) at UCLA (3-3), 7 p.m.
Alabama (10-0) vs. Florida (8-2), 8 p.m.
Tulsa (6-1) at Cincinnati (8-0), 8 p.m.
Arizona St. (1-2) at Oregon St. (2-4), 10:30 p.m.

**Monday, Dec. 21**
App. St. (8-3) vs. North Texas (4-5), 2:30 p.m.

**Postponements and Cancellations**
Florida St. at Wake Forest, ccd.
La.-Lafayette at Coastal Carolina, ccd.
Michigan St. at Maryland, ccd.
La.-Monroe at Troy, ccd.
Purdue at Indiana, ccd.
Georgia Tech at Miami, ccd.
Vanderbilt at Georgia, ccd.
Arizona at Cal., ccd.
Michigan at Iowa, ccd.
Oregon at Colorado, ccd.

**2020-21 Bowl Glance**
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Bahamas Bowl
Celebration Bowl
Fenway Bowl
Frisco Bowl
Hawaii Bowl
Holiday Bowl
LA Bowl
Las Vegas Bowl
Pinstripe Bowl
Quick Lane Bowl
Redbox Bowl
Sun Bowl

**Monday, Dec. 21**
**MYRTLE BEACH BOWL**
**Conway, S.C.**
App. St. vs. North Texas, 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

**Tuesday, Dec. 22**
**FAMOUS IDAHO POTATO BOWL**
**Boise**
Tulane vs. Nevada, 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)

**BOCA RATON (FLA.) BOWL**
UCF vs. BYU, 7 p.m. (ESPN)

**Wednesday, Dec. 23**
**NEW ORLEANS BOWL**
Louisiana Tech vs. Georgia Southern, 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)

**MONTGOMERY (ALA.) BOWL**
Memphis vs. FAU, 7 p.m., (ESPN of ESPN2)

**Thursday, Dec. 24**
**NEW MEXICO BOWL**
**Frisco, Texas**
Hawaii vs. Houston, 3:30 p.m. (ESPN)

**Friday, Dec. 25**
**CAMELLIA BOWL**
**Montgomery, Ala.**
MAC vs. Sun Belt, 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)

# With Lawrence back Clemson, Notre Dame meet for ACC title

By STEVE REED
Associated Press

Matt Cashore / AP

Notre Dame running back Kyren Williams fends off Clemson Tigers safety Nolan Turner on his way to a touchdown during the first quarter of a Nov. 7 game.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The stage is set for a marquee Top 25 showdown in the Atlantic Coast Conference title game this weekend.

Everyone watching will be eager to see if Notre Dame can upend Clemson again now that the Tigers have starting quarterback Trevor Lawrence back in the lineup.

The Fighting Irish beat then top-ranked Clemson in a thrilling 47-40 double-overtime shootout earlier this season. But Lawrence was sidelined because of COVID-19, and spent the game watching from the sideline in a mask.

But the projected No. 1 pick in the 2021 NFL draft will be front and center in Saturday's highly anticipated rematch.

"He's a proven winner," said Notre Dame defensive end Daelin Hayes. "He's played in a lot of big games. That calm, that cool. ... You can't put a price on that experience."

Maybe not a price, but with him in the lineup, fourth-ranked Clemson (9-1, 8-1 ACC, No. 3 CFP) is a 10 ½-point favorite to beat No. 2 Notre Dame (10-0, 9-0, No. 2 CFP) in the Atlantic Coast Conference championship and earn its sixth consecutive berth in the College Football Playoff.

Hayes has seen what Lawrence can do first hand, remembering well how the long-haired QB led Clemson to a 30-3 win over the Irish in the Sugar Bowl in 2018 en route to winning the national championship.

"It feels good to be at the point where we knew we would be," Lawrence said. "We weren't perfect, obviously, but you don't have to be perfect. These next three games, hopefully, are huge. That's been our goal the whole time."

To play three more games the Tigers may have to win Saturday.

No two-loss team has ever been selected for the College Football Playoff since its inception in 2014.

While Lawrence's return is the key storyline entering the game, Clemson's offensive production wasn't necessarily the problem in the first matchup. Freshman D.J. Uiagalelei threw for 439 yards and two touchdowns and ran for a third score in the last meeting, although the Tigers were held to 1 yard per carry on the ground.

Clemson's defense was the bigger issue.

Ian Book, the winningest QB in Notre Dame history, lit up Clemson for 310 yards passing, while sophomore Kyren Williams ran for 140 yards and three TDs against an overwhelmed defense.

But Clemson hopes that unit will be bolstered by the return of linebacker James Skalski, who is considered the heart and soul of the Tigers defense. Like Lawrence, he didn't play in the first game.

The Tigers have won five straight ACC titles under coach Dabo Swinney, while Notre Dame is seeking its first ever conference title after spending 131 years as an independent. Win or lose, unbeaten Notre Dame would seem to be a lock for the four-team playoff.

Some other things to watch in the Clemson-Notre Dame showdown on Saturday:

### Irish O-line on the mend

Swinney was impressed by Notre Dame's "big monster offensive linemen" the last time the teams met. Notre Dame rushed for 208 yards and totaled 518 total yards. Since that Irish victory, the line has dealt with a season-ending foot injury to junior center Jarrett Patterson, a high ankle sprain to his sophomore replacement Zeke Correll and an emergency appendectomy on fifth-year right guard Tommy Kraemer.

"Just the way we've been throwing guys in there and seeing them step up has been awesome," said senior captain and right tackle Robert Hainsey who along with senior left guard Aaron Banks and fifth-year left tackle Liam Eichenberg make up the unit that is a semifinalist for the Joe Moore Award for the "toughest, most physical offensive line in the country."

### Thumb gangsters

Swinney believes Lawrence has the makeup to succeed in the NFL, including the fortitude not to pay attention to what Clemson's coach calls "thumb gangsters" – those smartphone, social media critics who belittle without facts. "You can either handle that or you can't," Swinney said.

### Stopping the run

Notre Dame's defense held Travis Etienne and the Tigers to 1 yards per carry in the first game, while averaging 5.1 yards per rush on offense.

"We are centered around stingy run defense, and making teams become one dimensional," said Irish coach Brian Kelly. "Then it gives you the opportunity to dictate down and distance. and we've been really good on third down."

Clemson was 4 of 15 on third downs conversions vs. Notre Dame in the first meeting.

### Book it

Since admitting frustration after a 11 of 19, 106-yard passing performance in a 12-7 home victory against Louisville Oct. 17, Book has stepped up his game in the final six, throwing for 1,668 yards and 12 touchdowns. During that span he also has rushed 57 times for 339 yards (5.9 yards average) and three scores.

"I love the way Ian Book plays; he never lets anything get to him," said Notre Dame wideout Javon McKinley.

### Missing Venables

Clemson back up linebacker Jake Venables had surgery for a broken arm and will miss the rest of the season. Venables, the older of two sons of Clemson defensive coordinator Brent Venables with the Tigers, was fifth on the team with 31 tackles. "He wasn't perfect, but very proud of him," Venables said of his son.

# Bowman eager to set Blackhawks back on championship course

By ANDREW SELIGMAN
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Stan Bowman has a new job title and the same goal to set the Chicago Blackhawks back on a championship course. He insists no one is hungrier than he is to see it happen.

"I'm very determined, very focused and extremely competitive," he said Friday. "The challenge is what's exciting to me, the challenge of building something. Honestly, that's even more fun sometimes than the maintaining of it."

Bowman has plenty of work to do as he tries to get the Blackhawks back to where they were a few years ago, when they won three Stanley Cups between 2010 and 2015. The Blackhawks gave him a new title this week, elevating him to president of hockey operations as part of a front office makeover.

Danny Wirtz – chairman Rocky Wirtz's son – became chief executive officer after serving as interim president following the firing of John McDonough in April. Jaime Faulkner was hired as president of business Operations.

Bowman remains the general manager, though he didn't rule out hiring one to work under him in the future. For now, he wants to see how the new arrangement plays out.

"That's something that I guess we'll look into in time, but for right now, I think we're just sort of at the beginning stage of this next phase," he said. "That's something I'm thrilled about."

The Blackhawks won the Stanley Cup in 2010, 2013 and 2015. But they got knocked out in the first round the next two years and missed the playoffs in 2018 and 2019. They would have made it a hat trick if not for the pandemic.

Chicago got in when the NHL expanded the field to 24. The Blackhawks beat Edmonton in the qualifying round before getting eliminated by Vegas. But they've been in a challenging spot the past few years, trying to stay competitive while developing young players and managing a difficult salary cap situation.

The Blackhawks opted not to re-sign veteran goaltender Corey Crawford, now with New Jersey. Remaining core players Patrick Kane and Jonathan Toews are 32, and Duncan Keith is 37.

But Chicago has several young forwards, from rookies Dominik Kubalik and Kirby Dach to Alex DeBrincat and Dylan Strome, as well as promising 20-year-old defenseman Adam Boqvist.

Kubalik scored 30 goals as a rookie and finished third on the team in scoring behind Kane and Toews with 46 points.

"We want to develop young players so they can continue to take steps forward in the coming years," Bowman said. "The way the team looks is probably going to be the biggest benchmark for how we're doing because we need to have more young faces join that group."

Bowman wasn't setting any timelines. The Blackhawks clearly have a way to go before they challenge for another Cup.

One immediate issue is a contract for center Dylan Strome. A restricted free agent, Strome had 12 goals and 26 assists in 58 games last season. He has 105 points – 36 goals, 69 assists – over parts of five seasons with Arizona and Chicago.

"We have had conversations with his agent, ongoing discussions," Bowman said. "I'm always optimistic that we'll get something done."

# Success? College football played 500-plus games

By RALPH D. RUSSO
AP College Football Writer

Back in August, when there was still doubt about whether a college football would be played during the pandemic, Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby said he would look at the season as a success if he could hand out a championship trophy in December.

The virus is not going to allow for traditional trophy presentations, but Bowlsby and most of his 10 fellow commissioners in major conferences will reach that goal this weekend.

That won't be the case for the Sun Belt after its title game between No. 9 Coastal Carolina and No. 17 Louisiana-Lafayette was called off because of COVID-19 issues with the Chanticleers. Still, no league got in more of its regular season than the Sun Belt. Despite several postponements, only one regular-season Sun Belt Conference game out of 40 did not get played. Eight of 10 schools played a full, eight-game league schedule

As for the rest of college football, the final weekend of the regular season was down to 19 games after Florida State's visit to Wake Forest was canceled because the Seminoles would not have enough available linemen.

If no other games are called off, 542 games will be played since Labor Day weekend. Since Power Five conferences set their revised schedules in late August, AP has counted 118 games that were either postponed or canceled because of COVID-19 issues.

## MHSAA

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Whitmer and director Gordon clearly state that their priority was getting schools open for in-person learning first. As things have developed over the last week or so, in order for schools to stay open safely, they believe rapid testing is going to be one of the many tools that is going to help schools in the new year … they felt like this was the perfect sample size."

Uyl said all the current MHSAA coronavirus safety protocols teams have been instructed to follow continue to stay in place, such as daily temperature screenings and health questionnaires.

"If individual students or teams refuse to be a part of this rapid testing requirement, they would not be able to participate in our tournament event," Uyl said. "That's under the current order and that's what the Health and Human Services will require."

Although the fall sports will conclude, Uyl said spectators will not be allowed under the current orders, citing how the Lions currently play in front of an empty building at Ford Field. At this time, Ford Field has not been finalized as the 11-man championship host site, but Uyl said talks between the MHSAA and Ford Field will continue.

Uyl said he will continue to advocate for winter athletes, as all winter sports except skiing are still paused because the MDHHS is continuing its suspension on indoor and contact sports not involved in the rapid testing pilot program. The current order preventing winter sports is set to expire on Jan. 15, but Gov. Whitmer said the order could be lifted sooner if warranted.

"As you've heard us say now for weeks, not only were we able to play this fall, but we were able to play safely," Uyl said. "We were also hoping that winter could get restarted with practices as soon as possible, with competitions to follow. Of course, as it relates to winter sports, we're waiting for the new order to expire on January 15. It's our hope and plan that practices can begin soon after, along with winter competition. Our plan for winter sports continues to be completing all of our winter tournaments by the end of March."

Whenever winter sports receive permission to continue, Uyl also said he would recommend schools continue to follow the current competition schedule, but it would ultimately be up to schools to make necessary changes. Also, Uyl said discussions are still ongoing when it comes to figuring out any requirements surrounding the amount of necessary days of practice needed before competition.

When asked why schools can return to in-person learning on Jan. 4 but basketball teams cannot practice, Uyl said the MHSAA is not able to make that call.

"Again, we're following the direction that's found in the most current emergency orders of the Department of Health and Human Services," Uyl said. "Certainly, I know that is something that folks will be talking about. It's not just basketball, but you could have that conversation about some other winter sports as well. As we have in every step of the process, we will do what we're allowed to do. Once we're allowed to do it, we'll do it as safely as possible."

Uyl said the MHSAA opted not to wait until the spring, despite the prospect of more widespread vaccinations and better weather for football.

Uyl said it is better to resume now to avoid any potential scheduling issues with the end of the winter season or the start of the spring season.

"Truth be told, trying to delay football and trying to finish in March – especially in the Upper Peninsula – they would tell us that the weather is actually better over the next four weeks than they would be looking at if it comes later in the spring."

Uyl said the MDHHS believes this new testing plan will be a way for kids to safely play sports again, even saying a high contact sport like wrestling should be able to proceed with the testing program.

"I think if there was one winter sport where rapid testing was more readily available, that could really help a sport get started … and get a sport to its conclusion, it is certainly wrestling. That's going to be part of our conversations over the weekend of what rapid testing will look like. How can this help wrestling to be able to have their season as scheduled?"

Uyl also said he also hopes spring sports can commence without issue after the 2020 spring season was completely canceled because of the initial outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic.

"Our spring sports will start on time and they'll have their schedules as published, with all of their tournaments ending as scheduled in May and June based on the sport." Uyl said. "We're continuing to fight for all three seasons. We're continuing to advocate for all of our kids all across the board. Not only do we believe we can play, but that we can play it safe."

## SMAC

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schools earn first-team all-SMAC honors. They were Audrey Dixon (Niles), Leah Horvath (Buchanan), Madylin Keigley (Berrien Springs) and Eden Gray (Lakeshore). St. Joseph had three on the first team in Sylvia Park, Addie Straub and Abby Cichocki.

Second-teamers for the Bees included Jalynn Krieger of Bridgman, Lucia Gianni and Natalia Beran of Lakeshore, and Lorraine Holtgren and Ainsley Martin of Niles. St. Joseph second-teamers were Ella Ott, Mia Wurster, Breanne Pratley and Gabi Wiskow.

Lakeshore cross country standout Race Bettich was the lone local boys runner to make first-team all-SMAC. St. Joseph had three runners on the girls first team – Olivia Ippel, Grace Kelley and Cecilia Ruchti.

## SON

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be on the children.

That's never been more true.

It helped that a video on social media last year showed Charlie's smooth swing on the range at a junior tournament, along with him winning a few tournaments. Plus, he's the son of Tiger Woods.

"It's amazing the buzz it's created," Harrington said. "That sums up the PNC Championship. There's so many nice stories."

Harrington is playing with his 17-year-old son, Paddy, who is more into rugby and whose sole mission this week is to hit at least one drive past his father, a three-time major champion and Europe's Ryder Cup captain.

Mark Calcavecchia, the 1989 British Open champion, is playing for the first time with his son, Eric. Calcavecchia's wife caddies for him, and his daughter will caddie for his son. It's a family affair.

Even so, this cozy event in the holiday season has come to life with Woods playing for the first time.

**"This is the first tournament I've ever played in that Tiger Woods is playing in that he's not the star of the show,. "He should know that himself. He ain't the star of the show this week, and that's very much amongst the players. Everybody is stopping to watch Charlie."**

**PADRAIG HARRINGTON**

Harrington said he has stopped to watch three swings on the range this week. One belongs to 85-year-old Gary Player. Another is Lee Trevino, who at 81 can still shape it. The third is an 11-year-old.

"It's like, 'Move out of the way, Tiger, let us see,'" Harrington said.

"He looks like he's a player," Harrington said. "He looks like he's enjoying it. He looks like he loves the game. It's great to see."

That's what stood out, and what Harrington said was all that mattered. He feels the same way about his own son. He doesn't expect Paddy to chase a career in golf. His hope is a bonding moment – not so much between father and son, but between the son of a major champion and the sport itself.

"I want him to love the game of golf so that he's playing at 85 like Gary Player," Harrington said.

That would appear to be the case with Woods and his son. Woods used some form of the word "enjoy" more than a dozen times when he spoke to reporters Thursday. His son loves to compete. He loves the needle. And he's having fun.

There's still a winner in the scramble format at The Ritz-Carlton Club Grande Lakes. Bernhard Langer is the defending champion and he intended to bring his son, Jason, back to defend. Turns out Jason was playing tennis recently and hurt his back, so Langer has daughter Jackie at his side.

Harrington has no idea what the future in golf holds for Charlie Woods, though he figures it won't be easy if the kid decides to take after his father. Golf doesn't have much history of sons being as successful as their fathers, not since the days of Old Tom Morris and Young Tom Morris.

Harrington figures someone will comment that the son is not as good as the father, and if he chooses golf and plays well, then it's to be expected given his stock.

"As if it doesn't take any work," Harrington said.

This isn't limited to golf. Harrington says any child of successful parents faces those expectations.

"Most successful sports people come from a tougher background because they don't have options," Harrington said. "If it's a bad day ... what do you do the next day? You get up and start practicing. If you have a bad day and you get up the next day and your dad can give you a job, that makes it harder to go practice."

He said most of the Irish players have fathers who were barmen. His father was a policeman.

"It's really tough to make it if you have options," he said. "It will be tougher for Charlie."

But that's another development for another day. Not even Woods knows what his son will do, and he said it doesn't matter to him as long as he enjoys it.

## BEARS

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pocket condensing, you've either got to take off or you want to throw the ball away. Sacks are the last option."

### Trubisky's turnaround

In three games since returning as Chicago's starting quarterback following the injury to Nick Foles, Mitchell Trubisky has completed 67.3 percent of his passes with seven touchdowns, two interceptions and a 100-even passer rating in that span.

The second overall pick in the 2017 draft has improved enough that he's even thought about the possibility of re-signing with the team that declined his contract option for 2021 and benched him three games into the season.

"But thoughts come and go, and right now I've just got to stay focused on what's about to happen this weekend and that's just preparing every day for the Vikings," Trubisky said.

### Just kicking it

After stumbling through their share of kicking trouble over the past few years, the Bears have finally found a groove with Cairo Santos – who has made 18 straight field goals and is on pace to break Robbie Gould's single-season franchise record for field goal percentage.

The Vikings are in crisis mode. Dan Bailey has missed three of four extra points and four of six field goals over the past two games, putting his status on the team in question.

"We'll go with our gut and do what we believe and believe that, whichever decision we make, it's the right one," coach Mike Zimmer said. "It's all you can do."

### Flashback

Zimmer was livid on the sideline in Chicago on Nov. 16 when Bailey sent the second-half kickoff straight to three-time All-Pro returner Cordarrelle Patterson, who took it back for a touchdown.

The Vikings won that game 19-13, but his former team will be plenty wary of a repeat.

"He's unbelievable with the ball in his hands," said Vikings wide receiver Adam Thielen, a close friend and former roommate of Patterson. "Every play has a chance to go the distance."

### Line 'em up

The Bears have averaged 30.3 points over their past three games, with their revamped offensive line playing a part. Sam Mustipher was inserted at center, Cody Whitehair moved to left guard and Alex Bars and Germain Ifedi were tabbed as the right guard and right tackle.

Against Detroit and Houston the past two weeks, the Bears posted their second and third-highest yardage totals of the season.

## LIONS

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"Stafford is tough as nails, one of the toughest dudes I've ever been around, but Chase is ready," Lions wide receiver and kick returner Jamal Agnew said. "Chase has been established in this league."

### Close to more history

Derrick Henry is just 8 yards away from matching his career-high of 1,540 yards from last season when he led the league in rushing.

The NFL rushing leader also is tied for the most rushing touchdowns with 14.

Even better, the Titans running back needs one rushing TD to become the fourth player in NFL history to run for at least 1,500 yards and 15 TDs in back-to-back seasons, a group that includes Terrell Davis (1997-98), Shaun Alexander (2004-05) and Larry Johnson (2005-06).

### Heavy on henry

The Lions know any chance they have at pulling off an upset would increase if Henry has 60 yards rushing, as he did two weeks ago in a loss to Cleveland, and not 215 yards on the ground as he had last week against Jacksonville.

"We know that the game is going to go through him," Bevell said. "If you're able to stop that guy, you're able to make them be more one-dimensional."

### Balanced Titans

Focusing on only Henry is risky. The Titans are the only team in the NFL with at least 3,000 yards passing in addition to 2,000 yards rushing this season. Tannehill has a career-high 28 TD passes to nine different Titans.

Tennessee is the sixth NFL team since 1960 to reach those yards through 13 games and the first since the 2013 Eagles.

### Sacks anyone

The Titans are last in the NFL in sacks with 14. Only six teams have allowed more sacks than Detroit with 37, and the Lions could be without center Frank Ragnow who hurt his throat in last week's game. Ragnow finished but has been told not to talk to protect his vocal chords.

Titans defensive lineman Jeffery Simmons said they want sacks and saw that Tennessee is last in the league. For now, they're focusing on affecting quarterbacks however possible.

"Me personally, I want sacks because that's another way you create negative plays," Simmons said. "Right now we're going to keep working toward it. We want want to get that negative play, a sack, and maybe get the ball out of the quarterback's hands."

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# Covid-19 has created new jobs – for scammers preying on the unemployed

If the devastation of losing your job because of the coronavirus pandemic isn't enough, imagine being conned by scammers capitalizing on the spread of COVID-19 and your desperation to generate some income.

Income-based scams have increased significantly because of the pandemic. In the first nine months of 2020, people looking for ways to earn money were cheated out of $150 million, according to new data from the Federal Trade Commission.

"Scammers have been even bolder during the COVID-19 pandemic," said Andrew Smith, director of the FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection. "So many of us are unemployed or underemployed, stuck at home and badly in need of income. In fact, the number of income scams reported to the FTC reached the highest level on record in the second quarter of 2020. These scammers are taking advantage of a desperate situation to rip money from the hands of those of us least able to afford it."

In a crackdown the authorities are calling "Operation Income Illusion," the FTC – along with 19 federal, state and local law enforcement partners – is focusing on shutting down fake employment, work-at-home, multilevel marketing and investment scams.

In Maryland, Attorney General Brian Frosh, D, announced enforcement actions against several companies pitching franchise opportunities. In another scheme, promoters targeted members of the African immigrant community, promising huge returns on their investments in a cryptocurrency, a highly risky proposition even when it's a legitimate investment.

"The past year has been especially difficult for many families who've lost their source of income due to the COVID pandemic," Frosh said during a news conference call. "In some cases, families are desperate to make ends meet, pay for much-needed health care or

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simply put food on the table. And, in addition to all the other pain this pandemic has caused, it made many Americans become especially vulnerable to income [scams] and unwise investment opportunities."

The FTC has taken legal action against a number of bogus income cons, many of which are just preposterous.

■ A Florida-based scam lured people in by promising they could earn between $500 and $12,500 in commissions in a digital income scheme. People paid for various levels of membership – $1,000 to $25,000 – and in return they could "earn" the right to make money off the recruitment of other people into the program. For example, someone paying $1,000 for an entrepreneur-level membership could make $500 if another person was sold a membership at that same level. There were no products involved or services offered. As I read how the scam worked, I was wondering how anyone could fall for it. But desperation can make you susceptible to what appears to be an easy way to make money.

■ One scam targeted Latina consumers with a work-at-home scheme in which they would resell luxury products such as brand-name perfumes. Victims were told they could earn up to $1,000 a week. The scammers targeted "Latina consumers in the midst of the COVID-19 health and economic crisis . . . seizing on economic insecurity in the community," the FTC complaint said.

■ An investment scheme targeting retirees and older adults promised they could double or triple their money in one week by taking advantage of "secret trading techniques" tied to opportunities related to the pandemic.

■ Another bogus work-at-home scam claimed an affiliation with Amazon. None existed, of course. When the COVID-19 outbreak began, the scammers targeted people who had lost their jobs, hitting them with robocalls that allegedly said the company could offer them an opportunity to work from home and make up to $400 a day.

"As these cases show, the financial fallout of the pandemic has increased both financial distress and opportunities for scammers," Smith said.

In announcing the enforcement actions, the FTC said it has created a new consumer education campaign about income-based scams. You can find more information at ftc.gov/incomescams.

Here's what you can do to protect yourself from a COVID-19-related income scam, according to the FTC.

■ *Slow down.* If you find a business opportunity, take your time to investigate it. Don't make a decision during the presentation. "High-pressure sales pitches are always a big red flag," Smith said. I can second that. I've sat in on many bogus work-at-home or investment opportunity meetings. My reporting led to the shutdown of one. Here's what I found as a sign the business opportunity wasn't legit: The more questions I asked, the more agitated and defensive the promoter got. So ask a lot of questions.

■ *Don't believe the hype of success stories or testimonials.* "Our experience shows us that glowing stories can be fake, and online reviews can be made up," Smith said.

■ *Skip the research and you're more likely to be victimized.* Promoters of pandemic-related scams know you're in a hurry to make money. So they count on you not vetting their claims. Something as simple as an online search can save you from a scam. Search for the company's name and add the words "review," "scam," or "complaint" to your online inquiry. "Finding no complaints doesn't mean the company is legitimate," Smith said, "but complaints can tip you off to possible problems."

## Ask the Fool

### Talking Volume

**Q** What does it mean that Target's "volume" is 3.56 million?
*— P.T., Allentown, Pennsylvania*

**A** That figure reflects the number of shares of Target's stock that traded hands, averaged over some period such as a day or a month. When you asked, 3.56 million was the average number of shares traded per day over the past 30 days.

Volume can vary widely between companies, in part because they have different numbers of shares outstanding. Target recently had about 500 million shares, while Walmart, with a corresponding volume figure of 6.1 million, had about 2.8 billion shares.

Online data sources such as **FinanceYahoo.com** often list recent volume and average volume. If a stock's recent volume is much higher than its average, then something is probably happening to attract attention to the stock, such as good or bad news for the company.

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**Q** What are the marks of the most promising stocks, and are they best found in a booming market?
*— T.C., Anaheim, California*

**A** You're more likely to find stock bargains when the market is down and the economy is challenged. Many stocks can be overpriced in booming economies.

But pay less attention to the overall economy and more to each company you're evaluating. For best results in your investing, you should understand the company well and have great confidence in its competitive strength and its future. Read its annual and quarterly reports, reviewing factors such as debt load, cash level, profit margins, free cash flow, and growth rates of revenue and earnings.

Superinvestor Warren Buffett has explained that he looks for "(1) businesses we can understand, (2) with favorable long-term prospects, (3) operated by honest and competent people, and (4) priced very attractively." That's great advice.

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## Fool's School

### The ABCs of Bonds

While your money is likely to grow faster in stocks than bonds over the long run, it can still make sense to include some bonds in your portfolio, for diversification. Learn more about bonds before jumping into them, though.

A bond is essentially a loan of your money to an entity. The U.S. government's Department of the Treasury, for example, borrows money by selling bonds known as "Treasuries." State and local governments issue municipal bonds. Businesses issue corporate bonds. Healthy companies can offer bonds with lower interest rates, while shakier enterprises have to sell "junk" bonds with interest rates high enough to attract buyers willing to accept a higher risk of default.

Most bondholders receive regular interest payments from the issuer at the stated "coupon rate." For example, a $1,000 bond with a coupon rate of 5% will generate payments of $50 per year. When the bond matures, the "par value" of $1,000 will be repaid. Short-term bonds mature in one to three years, intermediate-term bonds mature in about four to 10 years, and long-term bonds generally mature after more than 10 years.

Note, though, that some bonds are "callable," meaning that the borrower might choose to pay back the principal early, before maturity. Federal government bonds are never callable. (Before buying any bond, learn its terms.)

You can buy a bond at issue and hang on through maturity, but you don't have to, as bonds can be traded between investors. Their prices change as prevailing interest rates change. A 3% bond's price will fall, for example, if interest rates rise and 5% bonds become available. When interest rates fall, existing bonds with higher interest rates will be in higher demand and thus cost more to buy.

With much or most of your long-term money, though, stick with stocks, which tend to outperform bonds. Between 1928 and 2019, U.S. Treasury bonds averaged an annual gain of 4.9%, according to New York University professor Aswath Damodaran, while the S&P 500 stock index averaged a 9.8% gain (including dividends).

## My Dumbest Investment

### No Gushing Here

My dumbest investment happened about 15 years ago, when I bought into the hype of an internet campaign hyping a penny stock involved in the Texas oil business. I put $1,500 into it at $0.43 per share, getting almost 3,500 shares, and watched it climb immediately to $0.95 cents per share, thanks to the online promotions and buyers like me falling for it.

Of course, I decided to let it roll and see if I would end up turning my $1,500 into millions while this unknown company became the next Microsoft. And, of course, the company's underlying fundamentals were anything but sound; it was headed for bankruptcy. That stock reached a high of $0.97 per share, then sank like the Titanic, going down by the bow. It sank so fast that I couldn't get my money out. I still have shares that I can't get rid of; the last time I looked, they were worth $0.001. I was one dumb investor. *— R., online*

**The Fool Responds:** You were just naive, and fell for the classic pump-and-dump penny stock scam. That involves promoters hyping a small company's supposed great promise and selling their shares after gullible investors bought in.

Steer clear of penny stocks — those trading for less than about $5 apiece. They are likely to be very volatile, and often wipe out many investors when they crash.

## The Motley Fool Take

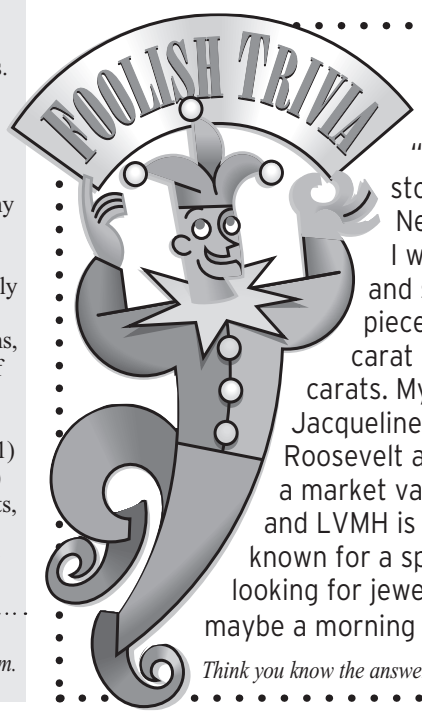
### Profitable Arches

If you're looking for growth and income in your next investment, consider McDonald's (NYSE: MCD). It's a fast-food giant, yes, with a market value recently near $155 billion. But it's also very much a real estate company that happens to rent exclusively to fast-food franchisees. Of the 39,096 McDonald's outlets in the world as of the end of September, only 2,658 were actually owned by the company. The other 36,438 were owned by franchisees.

That's a profitable business model: Franchise fees, rent payments on restaurant buildings and the sale of supplies required to operate a McDonald's restaurant generate fatter profit margins than actually owning and operating a franchise. Still, McDonald's isn't immune to the impact of coronavirus-related shutdowns; its top line tumbled 30% year over year for the quarter ending in June.

The picture has brightened over the past quarter, though, as consumers flocked back when the pandemic looked like it was starting to ease. By that time, McDonald's had had enough time to adapt, focusing on a "3 D's" strategy: digital orders, deliveries and drive-thrus.

With vaccines around the corner, the company is even better positioned to return to its pre-pandemic growth pace, and recent marketing efforts such as celebrity "famous orders" are generating more sales. The clincher: McDonald's dividend recently yielded almost 2.5%, and it has increased that payout annually for 44 straight years.




### Name That Company

I trace my roots back to a "stationery and fancy goods" store opened on Broadway in New York City in 1837. By 1870, I was a top American silversmith and seller of jewels and timepieces; in 1878, I bought a 287-carat diamond, cutting it to just 129 carats. My customers have included Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Abraham Lincoln. I boast a market value recently near $16 billion, and LVMH is planning to acquire me. I'm known for a specific color. People visit me looking for jewelry and beautiful things – or maybe a morning meal. Who am I?

*Think you know the answer? We'll announce it in next week's edition.*

**LAST WEEK'S TRIVIA ANSWER**

I trace my roots back to 1873, when the Widows and Orphans Friendly Society was founded, aiming to offer protections to working people. Early offerings included coverage for illness and accidents, old-age pensions and burial funds. The 1918-1919 influenza pandemic cost me more than $20 million in claims. Today, with a market value recently near $32 billion, I'm a global financial powerhouse, recently managing more than $1.5 trillion and serving around 50 million customers in more than 40 countries. I offer life insurance, health insurance, annuities, retirement accounts, workplace benefits and more. My symbol is a geological formation. Who am I? (Answer: Prudential Financial)

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# Got life insurance? You may not have enough

You probably need life insurance if your death would cause financial hardship to someone else.

If the only coverage you have is through your job, though, you may not have enough.

**Liz Weston**

Fortunately, buying life insurance has gotten easier in some ways during the pandemic. Plus, coverage may be cheaper than you think.

The rising COVID-19 death toll has led more people to at least think about their life insurance needs, and many have taken action. One in 4 Americans who have life insurance say they purchased or increased their coverage because of COVID-19, according to a NerdWallet survey conducted Oct. 29 to Nov. 2 by The Harris Poll. Many of those who purchased or increased their coverage were motivated by fear of being diagnosed with the disease (30 percent) or knowing someone who had (29 percent).

A survey by insurance industry trade group LIMRA this summer found nearly 6 in 10 Americans (58 percent) say they have a heightened awareness about the importance of life insurance, and about 3 out of 10 (32 percent) who were shopping for life insurance said it was in response to COVID-19. The number of term policies, the most popular type of life insurance, rose 10 percent in the third quarter compared with a year earlier, LIMRA found. That was the largest increase in 18 years.

"Obviously, the pandemic is making people much more sensitive to their mortality," says Alison Salka, LIMRA research director. "So we see more people aware of the need for life insurance."

Still, LIMRA has estimated that 30 million American households don't have coverage, and another 30 million don't have enough. The average coverage gap between what people have and what they need is about $200,000, LIMRA says.

"There is a perception about, 'Well, I have it at work, and that's got to be enough,'" says Marc Cadin, CEO of Finseca, another insurance industry group. "Most people have not done the work to really understand what would happen if they were to prematurely die."

Employer-provided life insurance policies are typically capped at certain dollar amounts, such as $20,000 or $50,000, or limit coverage to one to two times an employee's annual pay. That may seem like a lot, but parents with young children may need 10 times their salary or more to replace their incomes until the kids are grown. (Other types of insurance you may get from your employer, such as accidental death or critical illness policies, generally are too narrowly focused to protect you adequately.)

Even if your need is more modest – your partner requires your income to pay the mortgage, for example – an employer-provided policy might fall short. Plus, you typically lose your coverage if you lose your job, as many Americans have during the pandemic.

Having your own policy means your beneficiaries will remain protected. And thanks in part to the pandemic, you may be able to get coverage faster and without a medical exam.

Increasingly, insurers are automating and accelerating the application process, LIMRA's Salka says. Instead of sending someone to your home to check vital signs and collect blood and urine specimens, some insurers are waiving exams or are exclusively using exam and lab data provided by the applicant's physician. This trend was already underway, but social distancing and other pandemic challenges mean more insurers are adopting these practices, Salka says.

Life insurance is often cheaper than people expect, Cadin says. A 30-year-old woman in excellent health might pay $193 a year for 20-year term policy for $500,000. A 40-year-old man, also in excellent health, might pay $341 for the same coverage.

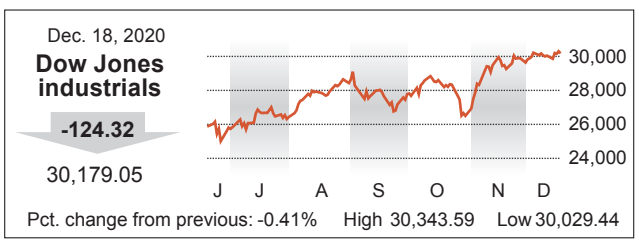
Term insurance covers people for a specified period of time, which is typically 10, 20 or 30 years. Term policies are significantly less expensive than permanent life insurance, which has additional features such as a cash value that can be borrowed against and that grows over time.

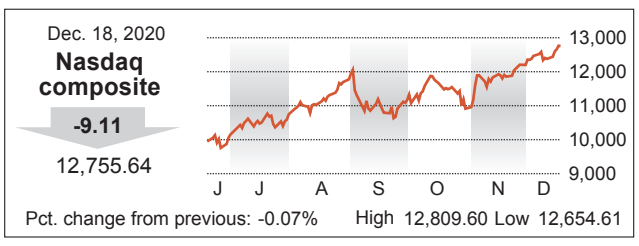
But the higher costs of permanent policies can tempt some buyers to skimp on coverage. If you do need life insurance – and you probably do if someone would be financially impacted by your death – then your priority should be getting enough.

How much is that? A life insurance calculator can help you refine your estimate. You may want to replace your salary for 20 or 30 years if your children are young, for example, and perhaps provide a college fund. You may want to add in your mortgage balance and any other debts. If you're a stay-at-home parent or other unpaid caregiver, consider how much it would cost to hire someone to provide those services and for how many years. For example, your kids may need a full-time babysitter until they're old enough for school and then a part-time one until they're in their teens.

Once you have a total, subtract your "liquid" assets, such as savings accounts, college funds and any life insurance you already have. That's the amount of life insurance you should start shopping for, without delay.

## MARKETS

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| AutoZone | AZO | 684.91 | 1267.93 | 1181.90 | +1.01 | +0.1 | ▲ | ▲ | ▲ |
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## PRODUCE PRICES

*The following fruit prices were recorded on the Chicago Terminal Market on Wednesday. Prices are not net to the growers as freight and selling fees have not been deducted. These prices were provided by the USDA Market News Branch office in Chicago.*

**APPLES:** Cartons tray pack of Washington Extra Fancy 72s Red Delicious of fine appearance sold from mostly $29-30, Golden Delicious fine appearance fruit sold from mostly $39-40, Fuji brought $32-34, Pink Lady sold higher for $409, Gala sold steady from $35-36 with fine appearance offerings from $39-42, and 72 size Honeycrisp sold for $35-36 with fine appearance $54. Cartons of 12 3-pound film bags of Washington WA Extra Fancy 2 1/2-inch minimum Red Delicious sold for $28, while Golden Delicious sold for $26-27, Fuji sold for $22 and Gala brought $30, while bushel cartons of 3-inch up Michigan Gala, Golden Delicious and Jonagold sold for $20.

**ASPARAGUS:** 11-pound cartons/crates bunched from Peru standard size sold higher from mostly $22-23, while white large offerings sold for mostly $25.50-27.50.

**BEANS:** Bushel cartons/crates of round green type machine-picked offerings from Florida sold lower from $24-26.

**BERRIES:** Flats of 12 1-pint cups with lids of medium-large size blueberries from Peru sold lower from $22-22.50, with fine appearance offerings from Mexico sold slightly higher for $32-32.50. No organic offerings. Strawberries in flats of 12 1-pound containers medium-large size from Florida and California sold for mostly $18-19. No organic offerings.

**BROCCOLI:** Cartons of 14 bunches from California sold higher from mostly $21-23, with organic offerings $32.

**CABBAGE:** 50-pound cartons of round green medium from Georgia sold higher from mostly $15-17, with offerings from Texas $16-17.50 and red offerings $29.

**CAULIFLOWER:** Cartons of 12 film wrapped heads from California sold higher for $40, with organic offerings $38.50.

**CORN:** Wirebound crates of four dozen Florida bi-color sold higher for $32, with yellow offerings $39.

**CRANBERRIES:** Cartons of 24 12-ounce packages of offerings from Wisconsin sold from mostly $31-32.

**CUCUMBERS:** 1-1/9-bushel cartons from Mexico of medium size sold lower for $22, while select offerings brought $18-20 and large sold higher for $24.50-25.50, while carton 24s sold lower for mostly $9-10. Pickles of 200-300 size from Texas sold lightly lower for $35.

**EGGPLANT:** 1 1/9-bushel cartons of medium size from Florida sold steady for $14.50-16, with 24 count Mexico offerings brought $14-16.

**LETTUCE:** Cartons film wrapped 24 heads of iceberg lettuce from California sold lower for mostly $21-22.50, with organic offerings $42-42.50.

**ORANGES:** Cartons of 10 4-pound film bags of California 72 size valencia juice oranges sold steady for mostly $28-29.

**PEPPERS:** 1-1/9-bushel cartons of Florida green extra-large sold for mostly $19-20, with large $18, while choppers from Florida brought $16. Medium-large size cubanelle peppers from Florida sold for $32, with North Carolina offerings of medium-large hungarian wax peppers sold for $18, extra-large serranos sold higher for mostly $27-28, long hots brought $20-22 and medium poblanos from Mexico brought $16-18 while extra-large size jalapenos sold for mostly $17-19.

**SQUASH:** 4/7-bushel cartons of small-medium zucchini from Mexico sold for $12-13, with medium higher for mostly $11-13, while yellow straightneck small-medium sold lower for mostly $17-19 with mediums $16. 40-pound cartons of large size butternut from Michigan sold for $18-20, Mexico offerings of acorn from $19-20 and spaghetti $20.

**TOMATOES:** 25-pound cartons loose vine-ripe offerings from Florida of 5x6 size sold higher for $23, and mature green offerings sold higher for $24, while cartons 2-layer offerings of vine ripes from Mexico of 4x5 size sold for $26. Cartons of 12 1-pint baskets of cherry type light red-red medium size from Florida off fair condition sold for $8-10, while fair condition grape type sold from mostly $9-11. Plum tomatoes packed in 25-pound cartons loose of extra-large size from Mexico sold higher from $16.50-18.

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# Congress averts shutdown

## Fight continues over pandemic aid

**By ANDREW TAYLOR**
Associated Press

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**Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Ky., removes his face mask as he arrives with Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo., left, and John Thune, R-S.D., right, for a news conference with other Senate Republicans on Capitol Hill in Washington on Tuesday.**

WASHINGTON — Congress passed a two-day stopgap spending bill Friday night, averting a partial government shutdown and buying yet more time for frustratingly slow endgame negotiations on an almost $1 trillion COVID-19 economic relief package.

The virus aid talks remained on track, both sides said, but closing out final disagreements was proving difficult. Weekend sessions were on tap, and House leaders hoped for a vote on Sunday on the massive package, which wraps much of Capitol Hill's unfinished 2020 business into a take-it-or-leave-it behemoth that promises to be a foot thick – or more.

The House passed the temporary funding bill by a 320-60 vote. The Senate approved it by voice vote almost immediately afterward, sending it to President Donald Trump.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said both sides remain intent on closing the deal, even as Democrats launched a concerted campaign to block an effort by Republicans to rein in emergency Federal Reserve lending powers. The Democrats said the GOP proposal would deprive President-elect Joe Biden of crucial tools to manage the economy.

Negotiations continued into Friday night but an agreement wasn't likely before Saturday, lawmakers and aides said. House lawmakers were told they wouldn't have to report to work on Saturday but that a Sunday session was likely. The Senate will be voting on nominations.

The $900 billion package comes as the pandemic is delivering its most fearsome surge yet, killing more than 3,000 victims per day and straining the nation's health care system. While vaccines are on the way, most people won't get them for months. Jobless claims are on the rise.

The emerging agreement would deliver more than $300 billion in aid to businesses and provide the jobless a $300-per-week bonus federal unemployment benefit and renewal of state benefits that would otherwise expire right after Christmas. It also includes $600 direct payments to individuals; vaccine distribution funds and money for renters, schools, the Postal Service and people needing food aid.

# Fed finds big U.S. banks in solid shape

**By MARCY GORDON**
Associated Press

J. Scott Applewhite / AP

**The Federal Reserve in Washington in November.**

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve said Friday that the 33 largest U.S. banks are in strong shape despite the pandemic's economic shock.

The banks have ample capital cushions girding them against unexpected losses and that will also enable them to keep lending even under the most severe straits, the central bank said.

The Fed disclosed the results from a special second round of "stress tests" that it added this year because of damage to the economy from the virus outbreak. The pandemic has killed more than 300,000 Americans, closed hundreds of thousands of businesses and pushed unemployment to levels not seen since the Great Depression.

Nine months after the pandemic paralyzed the economy, a resurgence of coronavirus cases threatens its recovery just as the first vaccines are starting to be administered around the country.

The tests showed that all 33 banks remain above their minimum requirements for capital – money they don't have to pay back to creditors or depositors – to protect against risk, the Fed said.

Still, the regulators decided to maintain restrictions on banks paying out dividends through March. Buybacks of company stock, however, will be permitted again, with some limits.

"The banking system has been a source of strength during the past year, and today's stress test results confirm that large banks could continue to lend to households and businesses even during a sharply adverse future turn in the economy," Randal Quarles, the Fed's vice chair for supervision, said in a statement.

In September, the Fed extended the restrictions on dividends and share buybacks through year's end, based on stress test results in June that showed how the banks would perform under severe economic conditions if they took those dividend or stock actions.

Increasing dividends costs money. The regulators don't want banks to shrink their capital reserves and leave the financial system vulnerable during this precarious time for the economy. It was the first time U.S. regulators had ordered such restrictions since the aftermath of the Great Recession a decade ago.

Under the Fed's latest action, the amount a bank is allowed to pay shareholders or buy back in its stock will be based on the income earned by the bank over the past year. A bank earning no income would not be able to pay dividends or buy back shares in the first quarter of 2021.

A senior Democratic senator objected to the Fed allowing the banks to pay any dividends in the current economic climate or bonuses to executives.

"This public health and economic crisis is getting worse, not better," Sen. Sherrod Brown of Ohio, the top Democrat on the Senate Banking Committee, said in a statement. "The Fed should be focused on making our financial system safer, not helping Wall Street and big corporations."

The 33 banks include JPMorgan Chase & Co., Bank of America Corp., Wells Fargo and Co. and Citigroup Inc. – the four biggest U.S. banks by assets. The tested banks all have at least $50 billion in assets.

The Fed said it applied two severe scenarios for the economy in the latest tests to see how the banks would fare. In one hypothetical scenario, the U.S. unemployment rate spikes to 12.5 percent and then declines to about 7.5 percent, compared with the current 6.7 percent. The other calls for a peak jobless rate of 11 percent followed by a more modest decline, to 9 percent.

# How to boost business using live video

Live video streaming has become one of the most powerful ways to forge stronger connections with customers.

Apps like Facebook Live, Instagram Stories, Snapchat Stories, YouTube Live Streaming and Periscope can help small business owners boost sales and strengthen their brands.

Going "live" enables people to see what's happening with your business in real-time and offers a more personal view of what your company does and who the faces are behind your logo.

If you're thinking about giving live video streaming a try, here are some ideas to help you go live with content that will engage viewers and shine the spotlight on your small business's strengths.

■ Introduce a new product or service. Live video provides a memorable way to communicate features and benefits and get people excited about your new offerings.

■ Feature product demonstrations and how-tos. Live video offers an effective way to demonstrate how products work and teach customers how to use your products. "Seeing is believing." If you show people your products or services improving productivity or making life easier for a customer, it adds credibility and builds trust.

■ Introduce a new team member. Sharing the credentials, capabilities, and personalities of new employees can facilitate a stronger personal connection with customers and enhance customers' confidence in what your business can accomplish.

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■ Interview a raving fan customer and share their success story. This type of live word of-mouth testimonial can serve as a powerful endorsement of your products and services.

■ Show a fun "day in the life" glimpse of your office culture. Streaming video of your team's camaraderie during work can help humanize your brand and give your customers a sense of what it's like behind the scenes at your company.

■ Feature your company participating in a community cause. Capturing real-time moments of your team giving back to the community can build a stronger emotional connection with customers. People feel good about supporting businesses that commit themselves to causes that help those in need.

■ Show your team members celebrating a milestone. Whether it's making a toast to your business's five-year anniversary or announcing a new project partnership, celebrating your milestones through live video can show people you're a thriving and growing company.

■ Introduce a new marketing campaign or a branding development. Streaming video to raise buzz about new promotional offers or rebranding efforts (like a new logo) can generate excitement and enthusiasm – and potentially sales!

■ Show off a team member's skills on the job. By featuring your employees' expertise and capabilities, you can reinforce why customers should choose your products and services over those from your competitors.

### Gearing up to go live

Before you use live video for the first time, consider watching how other brands that sell products and services similar to yours are using live video streaming tools. That will help you generate more ideas and give you a sense of what resonates with viewers.

Also, evaluate which live streaming platforms will benefit you the most. Consider your followers will be the most likely people to tune into your broadcasts. With that in mind, will one platform over the others reach more people in your target audience?

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# hp OUTDOORS

**Submitting hunting or fishing photos**

Have a behemoth buck, a tremendous turkey or super-sized salmon? Please submit photos to sports@TheHP.com.

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## Purple sandpipers among many winter visitors

**Jonathan Wuepper**
Southwest Michigan Wildlife

Mike Shelton of Stevensville took a nice photo of a purple sandpiper, while out at the north pier at St. Joseph on Dec. 7. The purple sandpiper appears in Michigan in late fall and early winter along wave-washed breakwalls and piers, with the vast majority of Michigan records prior to the 2010s coming from Berrien County. Over the last ten years, more birdwatchers have been looking for this species around the state, and they have been successful.

Photo provided / Mike Shelton

A purple sandpiper at the north pier of the St. Joseph River on Dec. 7.

In summer, the species is found nesting among the far northern islands of the Canadian Arctic, Greenland, Iceland, Scandinavia, and Russia. The populations from the Western Hemisphere overwinter from the coasts of Newfoundland south to the Carolinas. A few purple sandpipers travel up the St. Lawrence River to the Great Lakes. They tend to arrive on average in November, peak late in the month or early December and depart by the first of January.

Joy Bancroft photographed an adult bald eagle that had perched along the Lake Michigan shoreline near her Lincoln Township home on Dec. 5. Several bald eagle photos have been submitted in recent weeks.

Photo provided / Jay Bancroft

A bald eagle on Dec. 5, perched along the Lake Michigan shoreline north of Grand Mere State Park in Lincoln Township.

Photo provided / Howard Poole

Male (left) and female (right) bufflehead ducks on Magician Lake in Cass County earlier this month.

Howard Poole sent me pictures of male and female bufflehead ducks, seen outside his window on Magician Lake in Silver Creek Township, Cass County. The male bufflehead is the bird on the left-hand side of the photo, sporting the black back with an otherwise white body. The head of the male appears iridescent green with a large bonnet-like white area on the back of the head. The female appears dark brown with a white cheek spot. The species will be present in varying numbers on our lakes and rivers through April before heading north.

Photo provided / Brad Anderson

A buck white-tailed deer on Dec. 4 within Bridgman city limits.

Photo provided / Lisa Schaller

A snowy owl at the north pier in St. Joseph on Dec. 6.

Brad Anderson came across a nice buck white-tailed deer within the city limits of Bridgman on Dec. 4, and sent in a nice photo that accompanies this week's column.

On Dec. 6, Lisa Schaller of Bridgman photographed a snowy owl that was perched on the end of the north pier at St. Joseph. The owl was present through Dec. 7, observed by at least a dozen lucky individuals. Snowy owls turn up in our area from October through March in varying numbers each year. The best places to find them in Berrien County are the St. Joseph-Benton Harbor lakefront area and large, open fields that resemble the owls' summer habitat of treeless arctic tundra. Areas along Linco Road between Lincoln Avenue, east to M-139, often harbor snowy owls. Also look for this species in fields and atop phone poles along US-12 between New Buffalo, east to the US-31 bypass interchange.

On December 9, naturalists Rob Pearce and Mike Mahler, on staff at Sarett Nature Center near Benton Harbor, observed two common ravens circling over the forest over the Paw Paw River. This is the first observation of the common raven on the nature center property, and certainly won't be the last.

The raven was until recently considered a bird of the wilderness, but in recent years it has begun to adapt to a certain degree to human activity, and has begun to reoccupy areas of second-growth forest in many areas in North America where it once lived. Over the last decade, the raven has reoccupied areas of western Michigan where it has not been present in nearly 160 years. It has reappeared in Muskegon State Game Area, Allegan State Game Area, the Ross Coastal Plain Preserve in Van Buren County, and now appears to have found the Paw Paw River basin around Sarett.

Naturalists Pearce and Mahler also reported another noteworthy sighting, of a very late eastern phoebe on Dec. 2 at Sarett. The phoebe is a member of the flycatcher family, and although local December sightings are rare, they are not without precedent.

*Jonathan Wuepper is an area naturalist. Report your sightings to him at wuepperj@gmail.com.*

### Sarett Nature Center

**Annual Audubon Christmas bird count:** 8 a.m. Dec. 31. Volunteers are needed to count birds for this event. Call 927-4832 to register. Areas will be divided up so small groups can cover an area in a reasonable amount of time.

### Watervliet Rod & Gun Club

**CPL classes:** The Watervliet Rod and Gun Club is offering concealed pistol license classes.

**February:** Register from 6-7 p.m. Feb. 2. Classes are from 6-10 p.m. Feb. 4 and from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Feb. 6. For more information, call 470-9191 or 468-3837.

## FISHING REPORT

### Southwest Lower Peninsula

**Dowagiac River:** Anglers are reminded that the Losenski Park boat access site near the Pucker Street Dam will be closed until further notice due to ongoing construction.

**St. Joseph River:** The fish ladders will remain open all winter, but upstream movement of steelhead is low when the water temperature is below 40 degrees. The live Fish Cam at the Berrien Springs ladder has been shut down and will be back up and running around March 1, 2021.

**Grand Haven:** On the calm days, those heading out for perch were getting some limit catches.

**Grand River near Grand Rapids:** The fish ladder at the 6th Street Dam will remain open all winter. Closer to Grand Haven, perch fishing picked up near the bridges at Petty's Bayou and Smith Bayou.

**Grand River near Lansing:** Anglers are reminded that the fish ladders at Portland and Grand Ledge are closed for the winter, but the Webber Dam will remain open.

**Muskegon Lake:** Perch and walleye are being caught.

**Muskegon River:** Steelhead were caught near Croton Dam.

**White River:** A couple steelhead were caught from Happy Mohawk Canoe Livery to the Podunk launch.

*—Michigan DNR, Dec. 16*

## Small Pennsylvania town besieged by hundreds of giant black vultures

**By JASON NARK**
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — Black vultures circled beneath a leaden sky, swooping down close to the tombstones in a Marietta cemetery in search of something dead to eat.

Classic horror imagery aside, a big bird in the air is better than one on the roof for homeowners in this quaint town of 2,607 on the Susquehanna River in Lancaster County. In Marietta's case, it's usually 10 to 20 vultures on the roof, tearing off shingles, picking at rubber for hours, and leaving fresh coatings of their acidic, white feces behind when they fly off.

Experts call that "whitewash."

"This is like Edgar Allan Poe stuff right here," Councilman Louis McKinney said by the cemetery on Fairview Avenue on a recent Wednesday afternoon.

No one's quite sure why the vultures, sometimes numbering in the hundreds, have chosen to converge on Marietta. Like their slightly larger turkey vulture cousins, black vultures are native to Pennsylvania, and residents said they've always been seen in summer months, soaring high above the river. What they lack in beauty, they make up for in resourcefulness, playing an important part in the ecosystem by eating carrion and roadkill.

In recent years, though, the vultures have moved inland once the frosts become consistent in late autumn. They roost in pine trees and line up on warm rooftops, spreading their wings – with spans of five feet – to soak up the sun. Residents say this year is worse than ever, an issue first reported by Lancaster Online earlier this month. One homeowner on West Market Street who asked not to be identified said she's spent several thousand dollars repairing damage the vultures have caused to her roof.

"My insurance company doesn't cover 'act of vulture,'" she said.

John Enterline, 67, owns a stately colonial across the street, all decked out for the holidays – with a Halloween twist, thanks to the vultures that converge by his chimney. He said neighbors often bang pots and pans to scare them off, or light firecrackers. One recent day, someone on West Market upped the pyrotechnic ante.

Steven M. Falk / The Philadelphia Inquirer via AP

In the trees on the 200 block of West Market Street the vultures that are taking over the town of Marietta, Pa.

"There was like this huge boom. It rattled the window," Enterline said. "They all took off. It was like Alfred Hitchcock's The Birds."

On trash days, the vultures swoop down into the street, topple cans, and make a mess. Weighing up to six pounds, they're no sparrows, and they're always defecating.

"If you're walking down the street and they're on a dead squirrel or something, you cross the street. You're scared to walk by them," said Jade Brumfield, 29, whose mother-in-law has taken to whacking her trees with a broom to chase the scavengers.

West Market resident Tina Grumm has considered spikes on her roof, or a fake owl with a moving head. Adult black vultures have no natural enemies in nature, though.

The motto is "harass, not harm," said Harris Glass, director of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Wildlife Services in Pennsylvania. Federal law dating back a century protects black vultures because they are considered endangered, he said, and authorities tend to make an example out of anyone who kills one with punishments including fines and possible jail sentences. Municipalities and landowners can seek out depredation permits, allowing them to legally kill a vulture, but no agency is going to remove whole roosts.

There are a slew of somewhat effective tactics to scare the birds off – from such simple things as fireworks to truly bizarre approaches like frozen vulture carcasses or taxidermied black vultures hung upside down in areas where they roost. Some people have tried the plastic vultures found in Halloween stores.

The vulture effigy, in essence, gives off bad vibes for the rest of the roost and they tend to stay away. Harris said the tactic was stumbled upon in Texas when a vulture, fried by power lines, happened to get tangled up and hung in place. The other vultures causing the power company problems didn't come back. But vultures can wise up.

"Eventually, they will try to eat the carcass," he said.

Glass said you have to commit to harassing vultures, sometimes for a few weeks. He recalled a town in Northern Virginia that reached out for help to deal with vultures roosting at a cemetery. Police there fired off pyrotechnics for a few days, and the vultures left.

"But then they flew, I kid you not, to the mayor's house and converged there," Glass said. "There were so many in the pine trees, they were actually breaking the branches."

In Marietta on a recent weekday, the vultures gathered in pine trees, too, their dark forms often blending into the branches. Some of them were turkey vultures, which aren't as destructive. The bases of those pines were covered in a white dust. It wasn't snow.

Councilman McKinney said that the whole situation has "gotten out of hand" and that the invaders were a hot topic during a recent council meeting held by Zoom.

"We have to find something, find a way," he said.

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## Happy birthmas to me

This year, my birthday falls on a Thursday. Next Thursday, to be exact. If you check your calendar, you'll notice next Thursday is also Christmas Eve, which makes me a Christmas baby (best present ever, right?).

**Andy Steinke**

When people learn this fact, they usually have questions about what it's like to have a birthday so close to the biggest holiday of the year. So today, I'm going to answer some of them:

**A birthday on Christmas Eve? That must be terrible, right?**

That's always their first reaction. I've thought about the question a lot over the years, and I've come to a conclusion: No, it's not terrible. It's actually pretty great.

Sure, having school on your birthday every year growing up wasn't always fun, but there was always a class party. They say it wasn't for me (uh huh, surrre), but there was always 7UP-and-sherbet punch, presents and desserts.

And because there was always a Christmas Eve service, I'd always get to see my friends and family on my birthday.

You know how when your birthday falls on a weekend and everyone forgets about it? That doesn't happen to me.

As I got older, I could always count on having time off for my birthday because Christmas break always fell around my birthday.

**But what about the presents? It must stink to get all your presents in December, right?**

No. If anything, having your birthday at a time when people are already buying presents just reminds them it's your birthday.

If you're lucky (that's right, lucky), they'll combine your birthday and Christmas present into one larger or more expensive birthmas gift. That's how I got my first DSLR camera (now for sale, inquire within). Why would I want two smaller gifts when I could get one bigger one?

Now that I'm older and harder to shop for, sometimes I'll just get cash and gift cards for my birthday and Christmas. Since they're at the same time of year, I can pool my resources and buy myself great things, too.

**Yeah, but it's winter, so you can't have fun birthday parties with your friends.**

First, that's not even a question, buddy. Second, how often do most parents let their kids have big birthday bashes anyway?

I had two big parties as a

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Dreamstime / TNS

December is traditionally a time for family and friends to gather and celebrate the most wonderful time of the year. But the COVID-19 pandemic will make this season difficult for many, as health experts recommend staying at home and celebrating the holidays with only your immediate household.

# Will people heed the call to stay home for Christmas?

## No drama corona-Christmas has some secretly jumping for joy

**By LEANNE ITALIE**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Corritta Lewis has a huge extended family. Her mom is one of 12 siblings.

Usually, Christmas means that she, her wife and their 2-year-old son dig out their cold-weather gear for the schlep from home in sunny Southern California to Ohio and days of holiday chaos.

But not this year.

"We're happy to be saving money, spending more time together, and to just have a less stressful holiday," said the 31-year-old human resources analyst in Oceanside. "We don't have to deal with the crowded airports, stores and overall mania that the holiday brings. We're going to lie in our pajamas and watch movies all day."

Though Thanksgiving pleas to stay put were ignored by thousands, and authorities fear the same for Christmas and New Year's, many around the world are gleefully looking forward to spending the December holidays at home without the expense, family drama and travel headaches they normally endure.

Some plan to use the money they save to buy gifts for those in need as coronavirus deaths and hospitalizations rage on nearly 10 months into the pandemic.

Many who stayed home during Thanksgiving to keep safe already experienced the restfulness of opting out of holiday madness,

Photo provided / Shannon O'Reilly / AP

Shannon O'Reilly and her husband, Ezequiel Viant, pose for a selfie in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in 2019. She and her husband both have large extended families. Trying to squeeze in holiday visits with all leaves little meaningful face time for any, she said.

said Maryanna Klatt, a professor of clinical family medicine at the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center and a facilitator of mindfulness classes.

"What has emerged is that many people discovered something via the Thanksgiving restriction of gathering with less people – they loved it. They thought they would feel a huge sense of loss from the inability to travel and the typical gathering with larger groups," she said.

Participants in her classes reported less anxiety without extended family and friends around, and deeper, more meaningful conversations with the smaller numbers left around them.

"COVID-19 and its ensuing collateral damage may have some realizations that sculpt future behavior, and not all in a negative way. We just need to have our eyes open to these surprising realizations," Klatt said, falling short of the "silver lining" cliche.

In Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 33-year-old Shannon O'Reilly usually travels back home to New Jersey at Christmas, "and it never, ever feels like a vacation." She and her husband both have large extended families. Trying to squeeze in visits with all of them leaves little meaningful face time for any, she said.

"We're constantly house hopping and never really feel settled when we go back up there. Quite frankly, as soon as we land on the tarmac in Newark, we both look at each other every time and say, 'Why are we doing this?'"

This year, it will be just the two of them in 80-degree weather with "zero familial obligations."

As it did for Thanksgiving, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is urging people to avoid travel during the December holidays while the pandemic continues to surge. For those who don't heed the call, the CDC recommends travelers get tested for COVID-19 before and after their trips.

Testing before travel is critical to help stave off asymptomatic spread of the virus, warns Deborah Birx, the White House coronavirus response coordinator.

On the Upper East Side of Manhattan, 38-year-old Rosalin Siv can't say she's happy to be missing her annual holiday trip to Southern California with her husband and 4-year-old son to visit her parents, siblings and extended family and friends.

But she's relieved.

"This year I'm pregnant, and the thought of juggling a busy work schedule with holiday and family

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## There's value in talking to others with different perspectives

**Christine Vanlandingham**
Generations

Can we talk? Really talk?

It seems the answer is often no. The new level of shouting on my Facebook feed has me running for the back button or close window button more quickly than ever. There are fewer genuine conversations than there are soliloquies in our public discourse. It's so easy to shout at each other from a distance on electronic platforms.

So, it was a refreshing change this week when I ventured into a conversation on religion with a colleague that resulted in genuine dialogue. We don't agree on everything. No surprise there. The only three people with whom I agree 100 percent of the time are me, myself and I.

The value of the conversation came in the places where we agree and in those where we don't. I value her heart in where her perspective diverges from mine.

If I only expose myself to the voices with which I totally agree, I will never grow. My thinking will never be challenged, enlightened, affirmed or deepened. I'll be stuck. Or perhaps blown over when my perspectives and assumptions are tested and don't hold up, my roots not having grown deep with objective and intentional examination and tending.

Religion doesn't have to be the topic for this to be true. Public policy, social justice, age and generational differences can all be hot-button topics, which, if not handled with care, can be "weaponized" to wound rather than provide opportunities for deeper understanding.

Or they can be opportunities for us to draw strength from each other through our varied perspectives.

An example in intentional connectivity that leads to understanding is the Oasis housing complex recently announced in South Bend, Ind. Duplexes for older adults will be built adjacent to studio apartments for young adults aging out of foster care.

In most cases, the youth and seniors come from vastly different life experiences and hold varied social and political perspectives. Despite these differences, they're coming together to add value to each other's lives.

Youth will be paired with senior mentors. They'll have weekly meals together and scheduled times to chat. Seniors benefit from the social connectivity, from having their wisdom and life experience valued, and will have their perspectives broadened by seeing the world through the eyes of youth who've experienced trauma.

Youth benefit from the caring community and social support of caring older adults with a long-view perspective of many decades of life experience and from having their own perspectives heard and valued.

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## PET OF THE WEEK

**Snowball is a pure white boy with light green eyes. This 4-year-old is good with other cats, but is untested with dogs. He is neutered, and appears to be deaf, but could take cues from another cat. For more information, or to adopt him, contact Animal Aid at infoanimalaidswmi@gmail.com or 926-4279.**

## CHURCH NOTES

*Editor's note: Read these listings online at www.TheHP.com/features for direct links to livestreams and Facebook and YouTube pages.*

**Road to Life Church**, 3800 Niles Road, St. Joseph, will worship at 4, 5:30 and 7 p.m. Christmas Eve.

**Woodland Shores Baptist Church**, 3555 Shawnee Road, Bridgman, will worship at 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve in person and via its Facebook page. For more information, visit wsbchurch.com.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**, 2673 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville, will worship at 4:30 (also livestreamed), 6:30 and 9 p.m. Christmas Eve, 10 a.m. Christmas Day and 4:30 p.m. New Year's Eve. There will not be a service on Dec. 28.

**The Chapel**, 4250 Washington Ave., St. Joseph, will worship at 5:30 (also livestreamed) and 7 p.m. Christmas Eve.

**St. Joe First United Methodist Church**, 2950 Lakeview Ave., St. Joseph, will worship virtually at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve via its Facebook and YouTube pages.

**First Church of God**, 2627 Niles Ave., St. Joseph, will host a free Drive-thru Christmas in a Bag event from 3-6 p.m. today. The church will worship at 5 p.m. Christmas Eve. The service can be found on YouTube.

**Grace Lutheran Church**, 404 E. Glenlord Road, St. Joseph, will worship at 2, 4 and 6 p.m. Christmas Eve.

**The Anchor Church of God**, 5020 Cleveland Ave., Stevensville, will worship at 4 and 11 p.m. Christmas Eve and 7 p.m. New Year's Eve.

**Stevensville United Methodist Church**, 5506 Ridge Road, Stevensville, will worship online via its Facebook page at 6 and 9 p.m. Christmas Eve.

**New Life Christian Center**, 6674 Paw Paw Ave., Coloma, will host a Christmas Night of Worship at 6 p.m. Sunday. Wear your favorite Christmas sweater.

**Water's Edge United Methodist Church**, 18732 Harbor Country Drive, New Buffalo, will host its annual Christmas concert online at 3 p.m. Christmas Eve. To watch, visit h2oedgelive.online.church. The church's candlelight service will be at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve in its parking lot.

**Peace Lutheran Church**, 06321 Blue Star Memorial Highway, South Haven, will worship online at 7 p.m. Christmas Eve. Visit peaceinsouthhaven.org/worship/worship-live-stream.

**Hartford General Baptist Church**, 323 E. Main St., Hartford, will host its annual Christmas pageant at 11 a.m. Sunday in person and virtually via its Facebook page.

**Buchanan Church of the Nazarene**, 704 W. Front St., Buchanan, will host a drive-in worship service at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve in its parking lot. The service will be broadcast to vehicles' speakers.

**Faith United Methodist Church**, 9156 Red Arrow Highway, Bridgman, will worship at 5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve.

**Zion United Church of Christ**, 9100 Third St., Baroda, will host a drive-in worship service at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve in its parking lot. The service also will be livestreamed on Facebook.

**St. Mary of the Lake Catholic Church**, 718 W. Buffalo St., New Buffalo, will worship at 4 and 7 p.m. Christmas Eve and 10 a.m. Christmas, all in the gym; and 5 p.m. New Year's Eve and 8:30 a.m. New Year's Day in the church.

**St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church**, 28 W. Ash St., Three Oaks, will worship at 4 and 8 p.m. Christmas Eve in the parish hall; and 8 a.m. Christmas Day and 9 a.m. New Year's Day in the church.

**St. Agnes Catholic Church**, 5760 Sawyer Road, Sawyer, will worship at 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day and 4 p.m. New Year's Eve.

**Overflow Church**, 300 E. Napier Ave., Benton Harbor, will worship virtually at 3 p.m. Christmas Eve on Facebook, YouTube and its website.

**Zion St. Joe United Church of Christ**, 3001 Veronica Drive, St. Joseph, will host socially distanced Christmas caroling in its parking lot at 4:30 p.m. Sunday. The church will worship virtually at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve via its Facebook page.

**Lakeshore Christian Church**, 5565 Washington Ave., St. Joseph, will worship virtually via Facebook and YouTube at 4 and 7 p.m. Christmas Eve.

**Watervliet Free Methodist Church**, 7734 Paw Paw Ave., Watervliet, will host a bonfire at 6 p.m. Christmas Eve in the vacant lot next to the church.

**Arden United Methodist Church**, 6891 M-139, Berrien Springs, will host a Christmas hymn sing by candlelight at 6 p.m. Sunday.

**St. Paul's Lutheran Church**, 3713 Naomi Road, Sodus, will worship at 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve, 9 a.m. Christmas Day and 6:30 p.m. New Year's Eve. Services also are livestreamed online at www.stpaulsodus.com.

**Christ Lutheran Church**, 4333 Cleveland Ave., Stevensville, will worship at 4 (also livestreamed) and 6 p.m. Christmas Eve and 9:30 a.m. Christmas Day (also livestreamed). Livestreamed services can be found online at www.christ-luth.org or on YouTube.

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# Fear not: celebrating Christmas in 2020

**Kevin Hester**
Insights

As we near Christmas and New Year's, most people would probably say 2020 has been "interesting," but I know there are also many who would say 2020 has been extremely difficult.

We have experienced vulnerability where we once possessed a sense of security. Many have experienced a fear of COVID-19. Some have lost their livelihoods and fear they may not be able to provide for their families. Still others fear the political unrest in our country and what it means for our future.

During this typically joyful and carefree season, it's my hope that you will find peace and comfort to replace your fears.

We don't need to be afraid because God shows us through the Christmas story that he can do the impossible. Luke 1 contains the account of two women through whom God did the impossible.

Elizabeth, who was elderly and had been barren all her life, and Mary, the virgin, both conceived a child in impossible circumstances. The angel who appeared to Mary told her with God anything is possible.

God loves and cares for us in the same way he loved each of these women, so when we look at COVID-19, financial instability, political unrest and any other insecurity we may face, we know we need not be afraid because our God is able.

We know that while Mary was blessed with the honor of carrying the Christ-child, she also had to endure suffering. There were likely many, even those who loved her best, who didn't understand or believe what God was doing through her. She even faced the possibility of death by stoning.

We must be like Mary, who understood that her path was about to get difficult, but who nevertheless says to the angel, "Behold, the Lord's bond servant; may it be done to me according to your word."

Mary understood God is good, but because of the evil sin brought into the world, even in the midst of the good God is doing, there may still be suffering. God may choose to bring us through it instead of delivering us from it, but we can hold onto his promise that he is working things together for our good.

This is the mindset that brings us peace which surpasses understanding.

While the Bible teaches us more than 365 times not to be afraid, there is a fear the Bible speaks of that is good. Proverbs tells us the fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.

It's wise to fear God because we have all broken God's law and are condemned to eternal separation from him in a place of suffering. It's reasonable to fear this inevitability, but we don't have to remain in that fear.

The first Christmas gift, baby Jesus, wasn't under the tree but on the tree (the cross) where, after living a sinless life, he took on himself the sins of the world and paid the penalty for our sin.

In Acts 3:19 it says, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out."

All you have to do to receive this most precious gift is agree with God about your sinful condition and turn away from the notion that you can be the god of your own life. When you do, God's Spirit will be given to you to empower you to walk with the Lord and enjoy the peace that passes understanding that is available to us all.

This is all we really need to celebrate a meaningful and joyful Christmas season. May God bless you all and give you a very merry Christmas.

*Today's Insights was written by Kevin Hester, pastor at The Shore Church in St. Joseph. Insights is written by area clergy to give different viewpoints on a variety of topics. It is published each Saturday in cooperation with the Berrien County Association of Churches. The views expressed by the author do not necessarily reflect the views of member churches.*

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**Holly Nordenberg, from left, poses with her family, Gia Nordenberg, 3, husband Ross Nordenberg and Gwen Nordenberg, 5, at the Hann's Christmas Tree Farm in Oregon, Wis. Holly said her family will stay home this Christmas and will focus on "gratitude and baking."**

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activities is more stressful than usual," said Siv, the founder of an online bakery. "I can't say I'll miss all the logistics."

There's the 5- to 6-hour plane trip, for one, requiring numerous activities and snacks to keep their child calm and contented in transit.

The sentiments are shared around the world.

Ben Taylor, 43, lives on the Kent coastline of southeast England with his wife and two kids, ages 6 and 2. He calls their normal Christmas holiday a "crazy magical mystery tour" that lasts about a week. They usually travel by car, about four hours, to visit relatives and old friends in Norfolk.

"I've always felt a little envious because it feels like we visit house after house where people are relaxing, whilst not getting to do the same thing ourselves," he said. "Well, now it's our turn!"

Vaccines for COVID-19 are rolling out, but they won't come in time to save Christmas for most. Birx and other virus experts couldn't be clearer about the need to avoid travel and large gatherings, along with hugging and kissing loved ones outside of one's protective social bubble.

Nicoletta Barbata is an Italian who's been living on the Greek island of Santorini for nearly four years. Christmas is usually her one and only trip home to Milan every year.

"I usually stay for four to six weeks," said the single Barbata, who's 39. "My time back to Milan is devoted to catching up with my family and friends, spending time with my parents and meeting friends all over Italy who I haven't seen for months."

While she'll deeply miss the trip this year, she'll happily make do with the friends she's made in Greece.

"I'm a person who always tries to see the positive side of every situation," Barbata said.

Christmas is tinged with sadness this year for Holly Nordenberg in Madison, Wis.

"My grandfather passed away from COVID last month," the mom of two young girls said.

With their patriarch gone, the 36-year-old Nordenberg said the usual extended family get-together with up to 40 people back home in Rock Island, Ill., may not happen, regardless of whether she goes.

There are other reasons why she's fine not returning.

"I've been dreading our Christmas gathering this year because of the political climate and how polarized my family is regarding politics," Nordenberg said.

Instead, she, her husband and their kids will focus on "gratitude and baking" at home.

"I'm honestly looking forward to a quiet holiday season," Nordenberg said. "We have all our decorations up, a pantry full of baking supplies, and we're finding ways to really appreciate how fortunate we are each day."

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kid – when a clown came to my 5th birthday with Bozo's bucket toss game, and a sleepover on my 10th birthday – otherwise it was just get-togethers with aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents.

We couldn't go outside and play, but there was plenty of time at recess to play with my friends. Plus, if my birthday were in the summer, everyone would be on vacation anyway.

**I bet you get a lot of presents wrapped in Christmas paper, though, right?**

OK, you got me there. I do sometimes get birthday presents in Christmas paper. But, you know what, it actually doesn't bother me.

It also doesn't bother me when people use a Christmas tag because they forget to buy a birthday card for me. Why does it cost $7.99 for a card anyway? Just take that money and put it into my gift.

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You can learn more about the effort at www.villagetovillageintl.com/special_projects/oasis.

Another local example is college students who are signing up in droves as Friendly Caller volunteers at the Area Agency on Aging. The students provide weekly social-support check-in calls to older adults who are suffering from social isolation and loneliness due to, or increased by, the COVID-19 pandemic.

One volunteer says, "We have wonderful conversations ... [the older adult] loved learning I was a student at Michigan State University, and I enjoyed hearing about her hopes and wishes for Christmas. I also appreciate hearing that our weekly conversations have been meaningful to her."

Many older adults who receive the weekly calls report depression, anxiety and/or loneliness levels are greatly reduced because of the regular conversations with the volunteers. You can learn more about this and other intergenerational programs at areaagencyonaging.org/volunteer-opportunities.

National experts point to the value and impact of these efforts to build connectivity across the generations. The National Resource Center for Engaging Older Adults reports combining the experience, wisdom and fresh perspectives of people from all ages can improve lives and strengthen communities.

According to the National Resource Center, older adults who participate in intergenerational programs report: enhanced life satisfaction; larger social networks; improved health and greater well-being; better memory function; expanded learning and skills; and more.

Youth who participate in intergenerational connectivity efforts report many of the same social, emotional and health benefits. Both groups point to increased understanding through connectivity and shared experience.

I read this week there are 14 religious holidays of various faiths from now until mid-January, many of them centered around themes of light and love.

I didn't fact check the number, but whether it's 10, 20 or somewhere in between, the reality is that our friends, neighbors, colleagues, acquaintances and people across the age spectrum come into this season with varied perspectives and expectations. Let's value the heart of their traditions, or lack thereof, find ways to enter into productive dialogue and draw strength from each other – and perhaps gain greater understanding by seeking the view from someone with different life experience than our own.

I wish you peace, joy and understanding this holiday season and in the new year.

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# China a threat but it's no Cold War

**Jonah Goldberg**

It's easy to miss, given how polarized our politics are, but there is a growing consensus around a very big issue: China.

Foreign policy experts, military leaders and politicians across the ideological spectrum all tend to agree that a new era of confrontation with China has begun. Many on the right have been calling for a Cold War approach to China for a while now. But the idea, if not always the term "Cold War," is widely held among Democrats, too. President-elect Joe Biden, once dismissive about the Chinese threat, now concedes that the country poses a "special challenge" to the U.S.

It's worth dispelling a common misunderstanding. Just because there's a broad consensus around an issue doesn't mean people won't fight about it.

Indeed, some of the greatest political fights are driven by broad agreement on a problem. The best illustration of this point was the Cold War itself.

Contrary to rhetoric from rabid anti-communists from 1945 to 1989, most Democrats were not pro-Soviet. Some, such as presidents Truman, Kennedy and Johnson, were downright hawkish on the USSR. Some Democrats were "soft" on communism. Henry Wallace, FDR's second vice president, was so soft you could say he was supine. But for the most part, there was broad agreement that the Soviet Union posed a serious threat to the United States and the West.

The arguments among policymakers were over what to do about it, and they were intense. Looking back at the tumult over the Vietnam War, a decidedly Cold War conflict, or the debates over McCarthyism – not to mention U.S. nuclear policy or aid to the Nicaraguan Contras under Ronald Reagan – you could be forgiven for thinking there was no consensus at all.

Another complicating factor: Conceptually, communism, Marxism and socialism, as well as related arguments about anti-Americanism and anti-imperialism, had significant purchase among many American and Western intellectuals, actors, academics and writers. Some were pro-Soviet – some were even spies! – but most of them just worked from a set of assumptions based on the childish notion that anyone who said America was wrong had to be at least a little right. This intellectual divide made the political consensus seem more fragile than it was.

That's one reason I'm skeptical of the idea that our confrontation with China will or should resemble the Cold War. The Soviet Union was a romantic fixation for many American leftists, most intensely in the 1920s and 1930s, but its half-life endured until the fall of the Soviet Union. In 1919, writer Lincoln Steffens visited the Soviet Union and declared, "I have seen the future; and it works." Almost seven decades later, a fringe socialist mayor from Vermont named Bernie Sanders visited Moscow on his honeymoon and returned to say something similar.

While China held considerable appeals to some intellectuals in the 1990s – the New York Times' Thomas Friedman wrote fawningly about the benefits of Chinese authoritarianism – that's pretty much over now. The Soviets could convert Americans into spies because those Americans were true believers. China has spies in America. (See the recent controversy over a female operative who reportedly tried to compromise various American politicians, including Rep. Eric Swalwell, D-Calif.) But the currency of Chinese espionage appears to be, well, currency, as in money – with a little sex and blackmail thrown in.

In other words, China is definitely an adversary, but it isn't really an ideological competitor the way the Soviet Union was.

But that doesn't mean confronting China will necessarily be easier, just different.

For starters, the Chinese commitment to Marxism-Leninism is nonexistent save in one regard: the supremacy of the Communist Party. I shouldn't have to note that a party chock-a-block with millionaires and billionaires isn't actually communist. Also, China's system of ethnic apartheid and persecution doesn't fit the identity politics prism that sees bigotry as a uniquely white problem.

China's ruling ideology is much better understood as nationalistic, with bits of oligarchy, aristocracy, racism and imperialism thrown in. It is more comparable to early 20th century would-be hegemons such as Germany and Japan. This creates a whole set of challenges not easily fitted to our 20th century Cold War struggle with an evil empire that did us the favor of embracing economic doctrines that kept it immiserated and crippled technological adaptation and innovation. The Communist Party's strength is that it can actually claim to have delivered prosperity (albeit at an inhuman cost).

America needs to contain China's ambition to be a superpower, but that will be more difficult if we act like generals fighting the last Cold War.

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**ANOTHER OPINION**

# Trump sullies America's tradition of providing safe haven

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On its way out, the Trump administration has greatly restricted access to those seeking asylum and dishonestly rejiggered the test permanent residents must pass before being granted U.S. citizenship. For shame.

The new asylum rule, finalized last week, erects new hurdles and denying broad categories of claims including domestic abuse and gang violence. Not content that America has just admitted a historically low number of refugees, the nation that once opened its arms to those fleeing persecution and unrest now reflexively looks askance at desperate people and families.

The turn of the back to people outside American borders dovetails with a fresh insult to those who are already here contributing to our communities.

Earlier this year, the Trump administration nearly doubled the cost to apply to become a U.S. citizen. Now, a new citizenship test gets American history and values embarrassingly wrong, thanks to tightly affixed partisan political blinders.

"Many documents influenced the U.S. Constitution. Name one," the 2020 test's study guide says. The list of acceptable answers includes "The Federalist Papers," which were written after the Constitution was drafted, to defend it.

"Who does a U.S. senator represent?" asks one question. "Citizens of their state" is the supposedly correct answer, just as "citizens of their district" is the stated right answer to "Who does a member of the House of Representatives represent?" But the law as interpreted to date and the Census make clear that elected officials represent all people who live in their jurisdiction – citizens and non-citizens alike.

"What are the rights of everyone living in the United States?" asks the test. One of the acceptable answers, alongside "freedom of speech," is "the right to bear arms." But the Second Amendment's guarantee has never extended to children, or prison inmates, or many felons.

Repair the Golden Door.

*– New York Daily News*

# Joe Biden may be tougher than the GOP expects

**E.J. Dionne**

President-elect Joe Biden's decision to campaign in Georgia for two Democratic Senate candidates facing runoff elections next month is a bigger deal than you might think. Consider what another president-elect chose *not* to do 12 years ago.

In 2008, incumbent Georgia Republican Sen. Saxby Chambliss was forced into a runoff by veteran Democratic state legislator Jim Martin. In the first round, Chambliss secured 49.8 percent to Martin's 46.8 percent. But despite the closeness of the race, the nation's most popular Democrat decided not to journey south on behalf of Martin.

Barack Obama did a radio ad and recorded some robo calls, but that was about it. And when the runoff came, Chambliss swept to victory, 57 percent to 43 percent. Between the general election and the runoff, turnout plummeted, from 3.75 million votes to just under 2.14 million.

True, Biden's visit this week on behalf of the Rev. Raphael Warnock and Jon Ossoff reflected differences in the stakes involved. Democrats already enjoyed a solid majority in the Senate after the election 12 years ago. This year, they need to win both Georgia races to get to 50 seats and control the Senate, thanks to Vice President-elect Kamala Harris' tie-breaking vote.

But by campaigning, Biden is also signaling that however strong his affection might be for an older, less polarized politics, he understands that it's not the 1970s – or 2008 – anymore. The radicalization of the Republican Party is a fact he is coming to accept.

Thus, he pulled no punches in his tough attack Monday on the efforts of President Trump and his GOP allies to discredit this year's election outcome. He called it "an unprecedented assault on our democracy" that "refused to respect the will of the people, refused to respect the rule of law, and refused to honor our Constitution."

Biden stayed on this theme during his Tuesday campaign swing, noting the support of incumbent Republican Sens. Kelly Loeffler and David Perdue for Texas' radical and risible lawsuit seeking to invalidate the electoral outcome in four states Biden carried, including Georgia.

The senators, he said, "fully embraced nullifying nearly five million Georgia votes." He added: "Maybe they think they represent Texas. Well, if you want to do the bidding of Texas you should be running in Texas, not in Georgia."

The GOP's election denialism is terrible for the country and for democracy. But the early signs are that it could backfire on Republicans by turning Biden, bipartisanship's best friend, into a tough realist about what he's up against. And the longer Trump's antics keep him in the forefront, the easier it will be for Biden to hold Democrats together. No wonder Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell finally told his party on Tuesday that it's time to move on.

If Obama passed on Georgia 12 years ago, it was in part because the risks to his political standing were higher. Chambliss was the overwhelming favorite and, as the results showed, Democrats had a history of low turnout in runoffs. Warnock and Ossoff, on the other hand, have a real chance to prevail. This is thanks to Democrats' organizational prowess and registration efforts, led by former gubernatorial candidate Stacey Abrams. "Stacey, if we had 10 of you, we could rule the whole world," Biden said on Tuesday.

Demographic change, particularly the increasing diversity of Atlanta's suburban counties, also matters.

Consider: In 2008, Chambliss won 64 percent of the runoff vote in Cobb County and 62 percent in Gwinnett County. This year, those two counties were key to Biden's statewide victory. Biden carried Cobb by 14 points and Ossoff won it by 11. In Gwinnett, Biden was up by 18, Ossoff by 16.

In an excellent analysis of the 2020 vote in Georgia for FiveThirtyEight, Perry Bacon Jr. noted that Gwinnett is now only 35 percent non-Hispanic white, Cobb 51 percent. They are no longer, Bacon noted, "suburbs in the coded way the political media often invokes them as a synonym for 'areas slightly outside of the city limits of major cities where lots of middle-class white people live.'"

In making two Senate seats competitive, the transformation of Georgia increased the burden on Loeffler and Perdue to deliver more to their state's voters than just blind loyalty to Trump. They'll no doubt tout the $900 billion economic rescue package taking shape in Congress. But McConnell's opposition to a large package until the pressure for it became irresistible could also underscore how much Biden needs a friendly Senate to continue the rescue operation next year.

In paying close attention to how Trump and McConnell approach politics, Biden seems to have learned something important: Hitting back is the only way to get the current Republican Party's attention. Asking nicely won't cut it in 2021.

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# The wrong way to fight the death penalty

**Ramesh Ponnuru**

Under the leadership of President Donald Trump and Attorney General Bill Barr, the federal government has executed nine prisoners since July and is set to execute four more before the change of administrations on Jan. 20. Opponents of the death penalty are appalled at the pace, with the editors of the Washington Post writing that the Justice Department "has gone on a sickening spree of executions."

NBC and Slate are also calling it a "spree"; other news outlets are calling it a "rush." Cori Bush, an incoming Democratic member of Congress, calls it "state-sanctioned murder."

The government does not need to kill any of these people to keep everyone else safe from them. That's reason enough, in my view, not to do it. To act with the precise intent to cause someone's death, rather than to protect others from his aggression, is immoral. If you'd prefer more theological language, it usurps God's lordship over life. Legislatures at the state and federal level ought to end capital punishment.

But even good causes can go wrong, and in important respects the movement to abolish the death penalty has. It deserves, then, criticism as well as praise. Here are a few pieces of advice it should consider.

Stop ignoring or glossing over the victims of the crimes that have drawn the death penalty. Cori Bush said that she was thinking of "Brandon Bernard and his family" and that "the system failed them." She said nothing about Todd and Stacie Bagley, the young couple Bernard helped to brutally murder. This evasion is not universal among opponents of the death penalty. But it's all too common.

A Christian activist against capital punishment recently wrote an op-ed for Religion News Service, for example, that mentioned three death-row prisoners and none of their victims. Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein issued a statement lamenting that Joe Biden will become president too late to save four prisoners from execution. It said nothing about their victims or their crimes. A call to mercy should not be based on indifference to justice.

Don't call it murder. The primary definition of murder is "the crime of unlawfully killing a person especially with malice aforethought." The death penalty is lawful. If most of its supporters are moved by malice, then trying to change their minds is probably a waste of time. But support seems to me to be mostly based, instead, on an honest view about what justice requires. Law, morality and ordinary language all distinguish among types of unjustified killing. You can oppose capital punishment without erasing these distinctions.

Don't mix up the issue with abortion. Sometimes opponents of the death penalty use the issue as a cudgel against opponents of abortion: If you were really pro-life, they say, you'd be on our side. This almost never works as anything more than a taunt. Most opponents of abortion – even many of those who, like me, oppose capital punishment, too – think the killing of innocents on a mass scale is worse.

Stop fixating on speed. It's understandable that abolitionists have recently been saying that Trump and Barr are on a mad dash to execute people. But it is misleading. The Bagleys were murdered in 1999. Alfred Bourgeois, just executed for torturing, molesting and murdering his 2-year-old daughter, committed his crime in 2002.

Capital punishment in the U.S. isn't rapid. It's agonizingly slow, particularly for those relatives of murder victims who say it brings them closure. If the current set of executions is shocking, it is partly because the federal government did not execute anyone from 2003 through 2019.

Accept democracy. This one may be the hardest for opponents of the death penalty. It's common for articles on this controversy to note that support for capital punishment has fallen. That's true. It's also true that support is still pretty strong: Gallup finds 55 percent support for it "for a person convicted of murder." The Constitution clearly contemplates the use of the death penalty, and Congress has provided for it.

Opponents nonetheless want judges to override these laws, or for the executive branch to use its discretion and its powers of clemency to set a new policy. But these are abuses of power, even if committed for a good reason.

I think Trump and Barr are wrong to support the death penalty. But they're not wrong to see to it that the duly enacted laws of our country are implemented. We should make a case, based on truth and respect, that persuades our fellow citizens to support legislation that ends capital punishment.

We should change the law the right way. The movement against the death penalty too often falls short of that standard.

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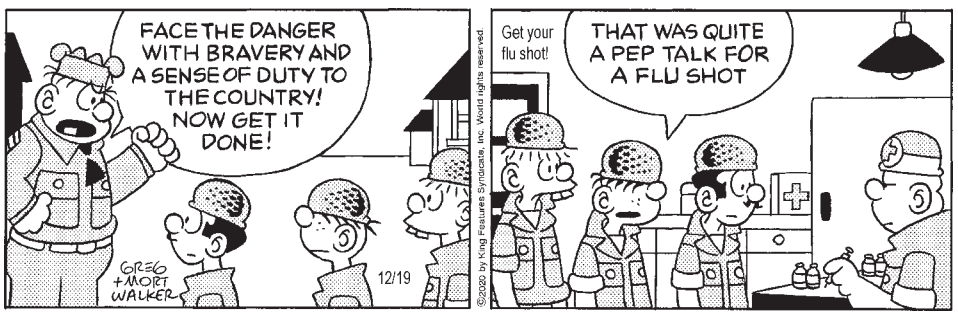
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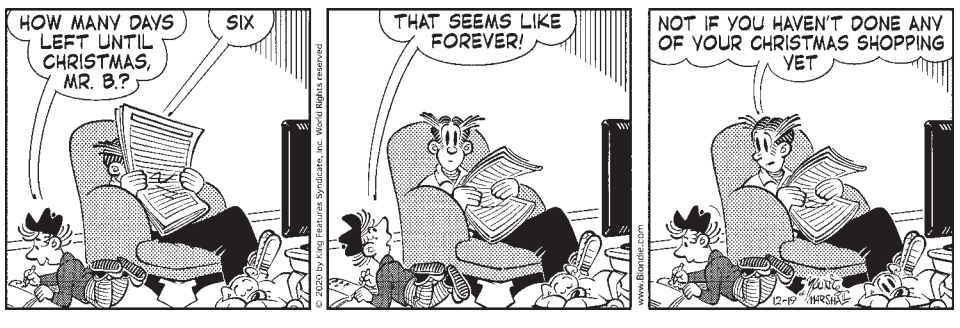
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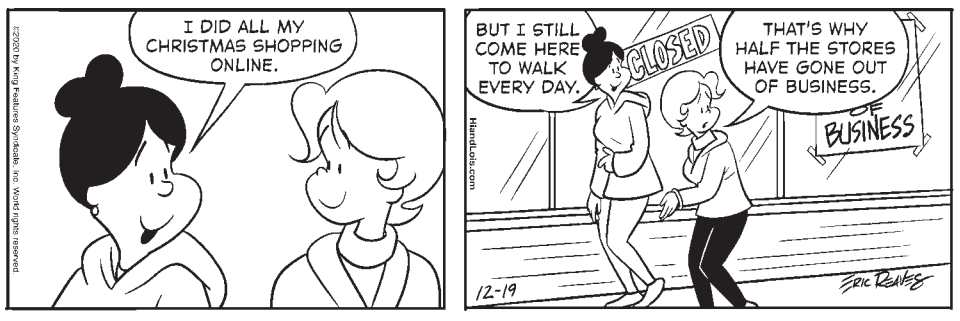
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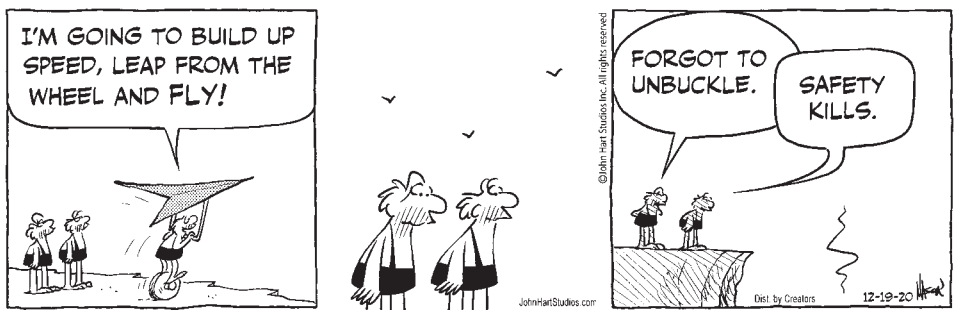
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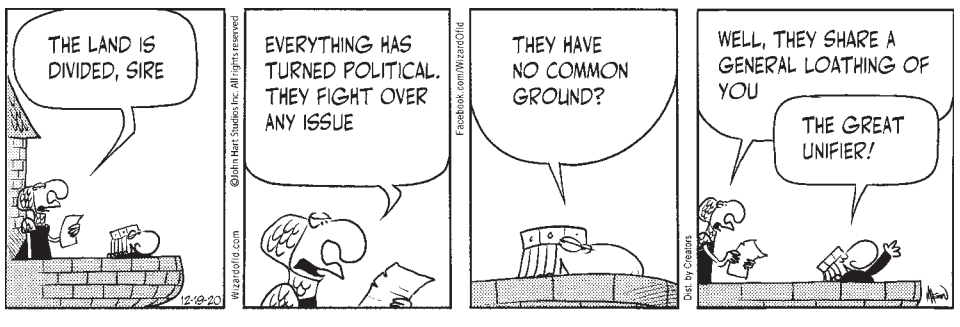
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## DILBERT

ALICE, YOU DID NOT MEET YOUR GOALS THIS QUARTER.
THAT'S BECAUSE MY GOALS ARE TOTALLY UNREALISTIC AND WERE CREATED BY A MORON.
I HOPE YOU MEANT IT WHEN YOU SAID YOU WANT US TO BE HONEST WITH YOU.
I DIDN'T EXPECT YOU TO ACT ON IT!
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## GARFIELD

YOUR HONOR, WE FIND THE DEFENDANT...
NAUGHTY!
WE WILL RETURN TO "SANTA GETS JURY DUTY"
I BET HE GETS UNDERWEAR
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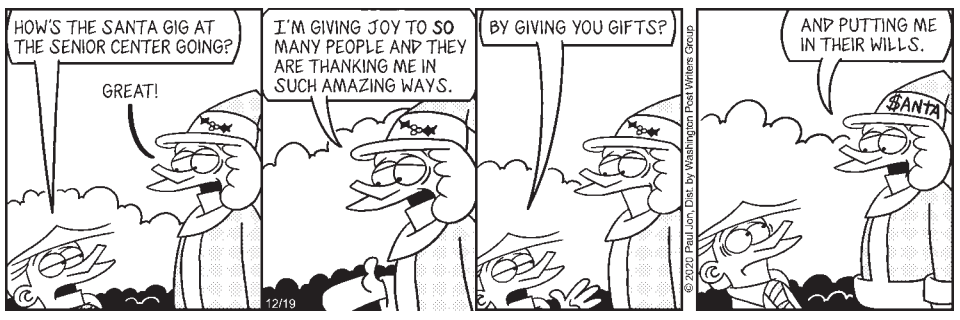
## FORT KNOX


HOW'S THE SANTA GIG AT THE SENIOR CENTER GOING?
GREAT!
I'M GIVING JOY TO SO MANY PEOPLE AND THEY ARE THANKING ME IN SUCH AMAZING WAYS.
BY GIVING YOU GIFTS?
AND PUTTING ME IN THEIR WILLS.
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## PICKLES

I PUT JINGLE BELL COLLARS ON MUFFIN AND ROSCOE FOR THE HOLIDAYS.
AREN'T THEY ADORABLE?
YES, THEY ARE.
AND I THINK THE "JINGLE-JINGLE" HELPS THEM TO FEEL A PART OF THE FESTIVITIES.
JINGLE JINGLE JINGLE
I'LL CHEW OFF YOURS IF YOU'LL CHEW OFF MINE.
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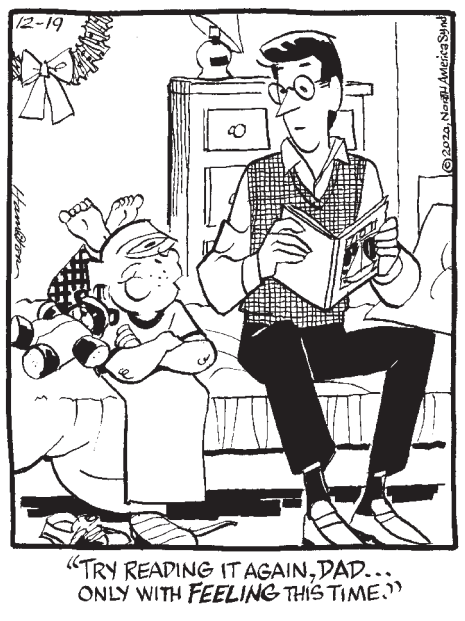
## FAMILY CIRCUS

## DENNIS THE MENACE




## BABY BLUES

THERE! I THINK I HAVE OUR E-CHRISTMAS CARD FINISHED.
LET'S SEE.
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Happy Holidays!
HO HO HO HO HO
WELL, NOBODY CAN ACCUSE US OF BOAST-POSTING.
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## CURTIS

DIANE, HONEY, DON'T YOU CRY...
SURE, EVERYTHING WENT COO-COO CRAZY, BUT WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT YOU CAN'T HELP BUT LAUGH
YEAH, IT'S A WILKINS FAMILY TRADITION TO HAVE WEIRDED-OUT CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS!
A BETTER TRADITION COULD BE NOT TO WEAR THESE UGLY HOLIDAY SWEATERS ANYMORE!
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## ZITS

## HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

A FATHER AND SON SHOULD DO THINGS TOGETHER!
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ARE YOU FORGETTING ALL THE NAPS HAMLET AND I HAVE TAKEN TOGETHER OVER THE YEARS?
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## MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

SOME DAYS I FEEL LIKE SUCH A HAS-BEEN
RALPH
YOUR DOG
...HOW CAN YOU BE A HAS-BEEN WHEN YOU'VE NEVER BEEN A BEEN?
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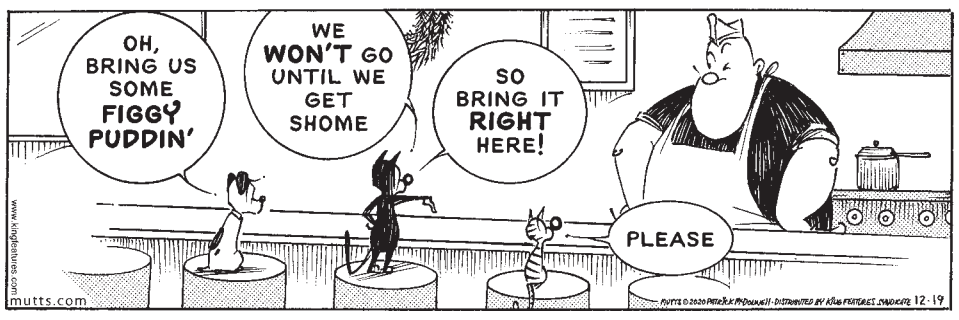
OH, BRING US SOME FIGGY PUDDIN'
WE WON'T GO UNTIL WE GET SHOME
SO BRING IT RIGHT HERE!
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## SALLY FORTH

KEEFFE
ARE YOU EATING THE ROOF TO OUR NEW GINGERBREAD HOUSE?
I WAS TOO TIRED TO MAKE COOKIES. THERE'S STILL SOME FLOORING IF YOU'RE HUNGRY.
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## PRIME TIME TV

**SATURDAY EVENING DEC. 19**

| | 7:30 | 8 PM | 8:30 | 9 PM | 9:30 | 10 PM | 10:30 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| ABC (7)(13)(41)(57) | Coll. Football | College Football American Conference Championship. (N) (L) CC | | | | | |
| CBS (2)(3)(22) | College Football | College Football SEC Championship: Teams TBA -- Alabama vs Florida. (N) (L) CC | | | | | |
| NBC (5)(8)(16) | Ac. Hollywood | Global Citizen Prize (N) CC | | The Wall "Denise and Tisha" CC | | Saturday Night Live (N) CC | |
| FOX (17)(22)(28)(32) | Update | College Basketball Villanova vs Virginia. From Madison Square Garden in New York. | | | | Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC | |
| PBS (34) | Lawrence Welk | As Time Goes By | As Time Goes By | Antiques Roadshow (Part 3 of 3) CC | | Frankie Drake Mysteries "Ghosts" | |
| CW (25) | Big Bang Theory | Mike & Molly | Mike & Molly | Seinfeld CC | Seinfeld CC | News | To Be Announced |
| MNT (50) | Graham Bensinger | Dateline "Twisted in Texas" CC | | Dateline "Black Friday" CC | | Storm of Suspicion | |
| WCIU (26) | Family Guy | Bob's Burgers | Bob's Burgers | Family Guy | Family Guy | Family Guy | Bob's Burgers |
| WHME (46) | :00 Heartland | Heartland "A Heartland Christmas" | | Murdoch Mysteries CC | | Murdoch Mysteries CC | |
| WGN (9) | Friends CC | Friends CC | Friends CC | Friends CC | Friends CC | WGN Weekend News at Nine (N) | |
| A&E | :00 Most Daring | Most Daring Office invader. CC | | Most Daring "Wild & Out of Control" | | :01 Most Daring "Fighting Back" | |
| AMC | :00 ★★★ National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation ('89) Chevy Chase. CC | | | | :18 ★★★ National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation ('89) | | |
| Animal | Mega | Mega Zoo | | Mega Zoo | | Mega Zoo | |
| BET | Rush Hr 2 | ★ Rush Hour 3 ('07, Action) Jackie Chan. CC | | | | | Blue Strk |
| Big Ten | TBA | To Be Announced | | | | Campus | Drive |
| Bravo | :00 ★★ Fifty Shades Darker ('17) Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan. CC (DVS) | | | | ★ Fifty Shades Freed ('18) Dakota Johnson. CC | | |
| Cartoon | Teen Ti | Teen Titans | | Burgers | American | American | Rick |
| Cinemax | ★★ Red Dawn | ★★ Valkyrie ('08, Historical Drama) Tom Cruise, Kenneth Branagh. CC | | | | :02 ★★ Pearl Harbor ('01) CC | |
| CMT | Top Gun | ★★★ Tombstone ('93) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer. CC | | | | | |
| CNBC | Boss | Undercover Boss | | Undercover Boss | | Undercover Boss | |
| CNN | Situation | Situation Room | | Pandemic | | CNN Special Report | |
| Comedy | ★ Grown Ups ('10) | | :45 ★ Grown Ups 2 ('13) Adam Sandler. CC | | | | |
| Discovery | Homestead | Homestead Rescue "Poisoned" CC | | Homestead Rescue "Moose Mayhem" | | Homestead Rescue "Quake on the Forty" | |
| Disney | Toy Story | Big City | Big City | Big City | Big City | Big City | Big City |
| DIY | Maine | Maine Cabin Masters | | Maine Cabin Masters | | Maine Cabin Masters | |
| E! | Holiday | ★★★ 13 Going on 30 ('04) CC | | | | 13 Going on 30 | |
| ESPN | College Football Tropical Smoothie Café Frisco Bowl: Teams TBA. | | | | | | Football |
| ESPN2 | College Basketball Teams TBA. (N) (L) | | | | College Basketball Teams TBA. | | |
| ESPNC | Football | College Football From Nov. 25, 2006. | | | | College Football | |
| Food | Diners | Diners, Drive | | Diners, Drive | | Diners, Drive | |
| Fox News | Life | Watters' World (N) | | Justice With Jeanine | | Greg Gutfeld | |
| Fox Sports | Focused | Lions | Football | Glory Kickboxing | | | |
| Freefrm | 6:35 ★★ Dr. Seuss' The Grinch | | :40 ★★ Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas ('00, Children's) Jim Carrey, Jeffrey Tambor. CC | | | | |
| FX | :00 ★★★ Trolls ('16) Voices of Anna Kendrick. CC | | | ★★★ Sing ('16) Voices of Matthew McConaughey, Reese Witherspoon. CC | | | |
| Golf | 6:00 Golf PNC Championship, Day 1. (Taped) CC | | | | | LPGA Golf | |
| Hallmark | Cmas Starlight | A Christmas Carousel ('20) Rachel Boston, Neal Bledsoe. (P). CC | | | | Love, Lights, Hanukkah! ('20) CC | |
| HBO | | ★★ Wendy ('20) Devin France. A girl finds adventure on a mysterious island. CC | | | | 9:52 His Dark Materials CC | |
| History | :00 History's Greatest Mysteries | | | History's Greatest Mysteries (N) CC | | | |
| HGTV | Bones | Chateau | | Love It or List It | | Love It or List It | |
| Learning | Unexpect. | Unexpected | | Unexpected | | Unexpected | |
| Lifetime | Too-Christmas | A Christmas Exchange ('20) Laura Vandervoort. (P). CC | | | | :03 Christmas Ever After ('20) CC | |
| MSNBC | Voices | Week-Johnson | | Week-Johnson | | American Voices | |
| MTV | Ridic. | Ridic. | Ridic. | Ridic. | Ridic. | Ridic. | Ridic. |
| NBCSCH | Football | World Class Championship Boxing | | | | Fight Sports MMA | |
| NFL | NFL GameDay | | NFL Football Carolina Panthers at Green Bay Packers. | | | | |
| Nick | Danger | Danger | Hustle | Sheldon | Sheldon | Friends | Friends |
| NGEO | Drugs, | Drugs, Inc.: The Fix | | Drugs, Inc.: The Fix | | Drugs, Inc.: The Fix | |
| Oxygen | :00 Dateline: Secrets Uncovered "Up In Flames" CC | | | Dateline: Secrets Uncovered CC | | Buried in the Backyard CC | |
| Parmt | Sweet Home | | ★★ Sweet Home Alabama ('02) CC | | | | |
| Showtime | :00 Your Honor | 7:57 Your Honor "Part Two" CC | | Boxing Emmanuel Rodriguez vs. Nonito Donaire. (N) (L) CC | | | |
| Starz | Fantasy Island | In The Long Run | :26 Power Book II: Ghost "Sex Week" | | :28 ★★ Blade: Trinity ('04, Horror) Wesley Snipes. CC | | |
| STZENC | :11 ★★ Maid in Manhattan ('02) Jennifer Lopez. CC | | | ★★★ Bridget Jones's Diary ('01) Renée Zellweger. CC | | :42 Volcano | |
| SyFy | 6:00 ★★★ Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban | | | Letters to Satan Claus ('20, Horror) Karen Knox, Miriam McDonald. (P). | | | |
| TBS | :00 ★★ Central Intelligence ('16) Dwayne Johnson. | | | ★★ Old School ('03, Comedy) Luke Wilson, Will Ferrell. CC (DVS) | | | |
| TCM | The Bishop's Wife | ★★★ We're No Angels ('55, Comedy) Humphrey Bogart, Aldo Ray. CC | | | | ★★★ Lady on a Train ('45) | |
| TMC | 6:30 ★★★★ Terminator 2: Judgment Day ('91) CC | | | ★★ You Better Watch Out ('80) Brandon Maggart. CC | | Tammy T-Rex | |
| TNT | Smallfoot | Grinch | ★★★★ The Wizard of Oz ('39) Judy Garland. | | | | |
| Travel | Unexplain | Most Terrifying | | Most Terrifying | | Destination Fear (N) | |
| TV Land | Two Men | Two Men | Two and a Half Men | | Two Men | Two Men | Two Men |
| USA | 6:00 ★★★ Ant-Man ('15, Action) | | ★★★ Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2 ('17, Science Fiction) Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana. CC (DVS) | | | | |
| VH1 | 6:30 ★ Dirty Grandpa | | | ★ Identity Thief ('13) Jason Bateman. | | | |
| WGN-A | :00 Blue Bloods | NewsNation (N) (L) CC | | NewsNation (N) (L) CC | | NewsNation (N) (L) CC | |

# Memories of woman cloud devoted dad's happiness

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been married to my wife for two years, after being together for 10 years. We have two kids with a third on the way. Our relationship is great. It's healthy.

I just have this feeling of loneliness. I feel like I have my children and that's it. My mind often wanders to a woman from the past. I would never leave my children because they are my world. I just cannot control or ignore these chronic feelings of unhappiness and loneliness. I'll be honest: I wish I could just have one conversation with said woman. I don't know what to do. – Ron In California

**Jeanne Phillips**
Dear Abby

**DEAR RON:** "One conversation" with the woman from your past won't fix what has gone wrong with your marriage. You have a responsibility to your wife and your growing family. What you are experiencing could be symptoms of depression. You may be feeling overwhelmed with the responsibilities you now carry and subconsciously yearning for the carefree years you enjoyed before you were formally married. Before you feel more alienated than you already do, I urge you to talk this out with a licensed psychotherapist.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have a friend who has a habit of giving me unsolicited gifts. It's little things like string lights for my patio or a small toy for my daughter, but it makes me feel obligated to give her a gift back.

I would rather not be stuck in this continual gift exchange loop, especially during a pandemic when you're not supposed to be seeing people outside your household. This friend has shown up unannounced at my doorstep to drop off a gift without letting me know she's coming.

The last gift she offered I refused because it was an offensive toy that wasn't age appropriate for my daughter. Was I right to do that? How can I stop this cycle without hurting my friend's feelings? – Gifted In The West

**DEAR GIFTED:** Understand that this friend may not give you these gifts out of generosity, but because it gives her an excuse to interact with you. You have a right to refuse any item intended for yourself or your child that you feel is inappropriate. Jump off the gift-giving treadmill by telling this person her friendship is enough and you will no longer accept any gifts because it makes you uncomfortable.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have an older relative who uses the word "whatever" when she is done discussing something. I don't think she realizes how dismissive it comes across to others. It's as if she doesn't care about the other person's opinion or comments. It creates a barrier with family, and I think people distance from her because of it. I avoid talking to her because it's so blunt and rude. How can I explain that the word now has a negative connotation and should be avoided? – Staying Away To Not Get Hurt

**DEAR STAYING AWAY:** Address it the next time she uses "whatever" in conversation with you. ASK if she is using the word because she isn't interested in what you are trying to convey and what she means by it. THEN explain how hearing it made you feel, because it may not have been her intent. (If it was, then you, too, have a right to distance yourself.)

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# Mom thinks 'Uncle Bookie' brother-in-law is a poor role model

*Adapted from a 2019 online discussion.*

**DEAR CAROLYN:** My brother-in-law is not someone I consider a good role model for my son. His idea of appropriate behavior with his nephew at a holiday dinner is arm-wrestling him at the dinner table and then teaching him about gambling while watching football.

**Carolyn Hax**

Should I ask my sister to tell her husband to steer clear of my son, or let it go for one time a year? – Relative

**DEAR RELATIVE:** Well, the pandemic answered this for 2020. But there's no avoiding bad role models entirely, and whatever you teach your son is going to have to bear up under all kinds of external and societal pressure, only a sliver of which you can anticipate and preempt.

When you know you have some say, it can be a tough decision. Is it protecting your kids as any responsible parent would, or is it pearl-clutching and bubble-wrapping at your kid's own expense?

I don't think there's a universal answer, in part because quickie descriptions often don't offer enough information for risk-assessment. "The Gift of Fear" and "Protecting the Gift" (Gavin de Becker) can help you calibrate your judgment, and they're both accessible in what they suggest.

In the meantime, you can do your own basic risk test: Are once-a-year arm-wrestlings at the table – which you can see and say no to right away, if it's important to you – and a few gambling tips enough to send your son's life spinning off course? Is preventing these things worth the no-doubt highly insulting conversation with your sister? Is an occasional conversation with your kid about nutty Uncle Bookie enough to maintain proper perspective?

If there's more to this, and/or your brother-in-law triggers your gut-level warning system, then the answer still isn't to talk to your sister – it's to make sure your son is never unsupervised with any person who sets off any danger bells.

**DEAR CAROLYN:** My 30-year-old niece completely ruined Thanksgiving by saying after grace, "and may you all be forgiven for eating turkey flesh." She also brought up a cousin's painful breakup in front of everyone and spilled other family secrets. I left early with a migraine.

I would like to host a Christmas dinner [note: this question is from 2019] but I don't want her ruining my dinner and I don't trust her to keep quiet. What should I do? She also skipped the vegan options and ate the vegetarian food my family brought. – Hosting Provocative Vegan

**DEAR HOSTING:** Why are you giving her so much power?

I won't endorse "spill[ing] family secrets," but mentioning a breakup could be showing concern as much as anything, and the turkey-flesh comment sounds unintentionally laugh-out-loud funny to me. And I'm turkicidal.

But for the sake of argument, I'll agree the comment was offensive. Even then, we all still hold the power to make our "ruin everything" threshold unreachable by mere provocative vegan sass.

If it's a steady stream of mean-spiritedness, then call each instance out calmly, in the tone family of, "Why would you say that?"

Short version, focus on chipping "completely ruined" down to "made ... *interesting*," by not taking her bait.

The vegan/vegetarian scorekeeping is self-defeating. Pettiness never solved anyone.

(If anybody needs me, I'll be Zoom-touring with my new band, Provocative Vegan.)

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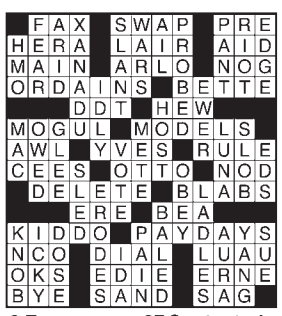
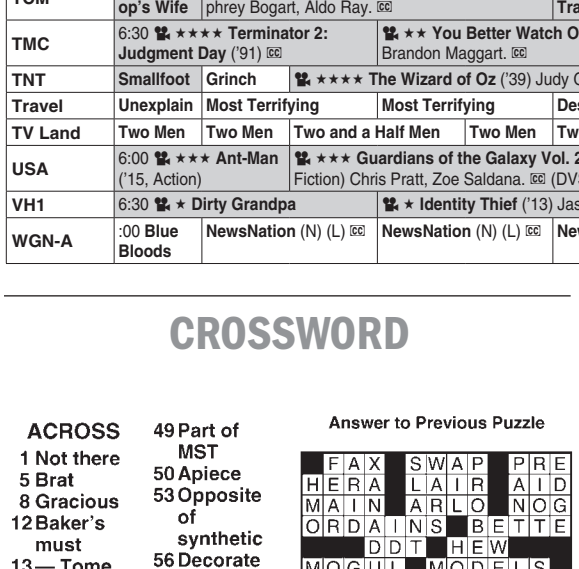
## CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**
1 Not there
5 Brat
8 Gracious
12 Baker's must
13 — Tome
14 Two-color cookie
15 Meander
16 Wrong
18 Tower over
20 Scottish river
21 Near-grads
22 Placed a bet
25 Gorilla
28 Revs the engine
29 Wan
33 Trickery
35 Pate de — gras
36 Morse-code syllables
37 Hun leader
39 Feed the hogs
40 Luigi's farewell
42 Spanish article
43 Misbehaving
46 Sardine-can opener
49 Part of MST
50 Apiece
53 Opposite of synthetic
56 Decorate gifts
58 Trevi Fountain coins, once
59 Frat letter
60 Director — Ephron
61 Ms. Ferber
62 One's good name
63 Erupt

**DOWN**
1 Common query
2 Villain's work
3 Town near Lake Tahoe
4 Provide funds for
5 Doctrine
6 Knight's girl
7 Puzzling problems
8 Campground initials
9 Exasperates
10 — -do-well
11 Wears
17 Golf peg
19 Pageant figures
23 Midsection
24 Dotty
25 Uses a calculator
26 Bell tower sound
27 Yodeler's answer
30 Growing medium
31 Big Island port
32 Affirmative votes
34 Game channel
37 Contented sigh
38 Carry
40 One-horse sleigh
41 Touch off
44 Alcott girl
45 Gapes open
46 Leafy vegetable
47 Phillips University town
48 Sweater makings
51 Riding whip
52 Overconfident racer
54 Pastoral spot
55 Spending limit
57 Rabbit's foot

Answer to Previous Puzzle





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## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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PWEST

DCIEKW

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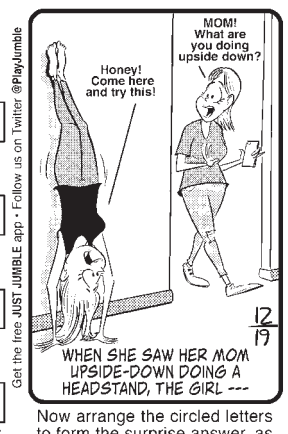
MOM! What are you doing upside down?
Honey! Come here and try this!
WHEN SHE SAW HER MOM UPSIDE-DOWN DOING A HEADSTAND, THE GIRL ---
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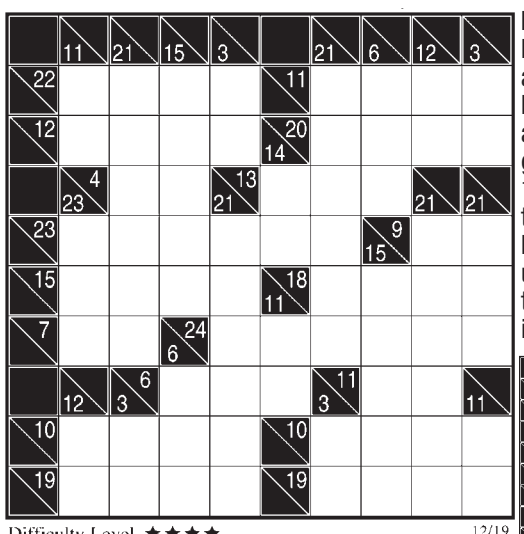
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

*Print answer here:* ( ) ( )!

(Answers Monday)

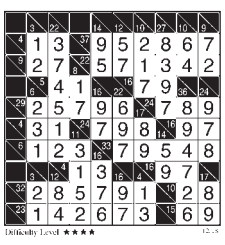
Yesterday's Jumbles: ISSUE OCCUR CAJOLE ACTIVE
Answer: The cheese was 50% off, which allowed the customer to — "SAVER" IT

## KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 12/19

**How to play:** Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 12-5

## BRIDGE

Some countries have held top-level at-the-table bridge events. The first three were, I believe, in Poland, Latvia and Norway.

The Norwegian pairs championship was played in September at Kragero. The teams championship took place one month later at Latvik, an hour's drive up the coast from Kragero. Today's deal features great play by Tom Johansen, whose team finished second. It was reported by Knut Kjaernsro.

How did Johansen play in four spades after West led the diamond queen to dummy's king?

Note that South's jump to four spades promised at least five trumps. Since North might have raised with only three spades in a minimum 3=1=4=5 or 3=4=1=5 hand, South, with only four spades, should rebid three notrump. Then North will pass with three spades or correct to four spades with four-card support.

Declarer seemed destined to lose one heart and three clubs. How could he make one loser evaporate?

Johansen drew trumps in three rounds, played his second diamond to dummy's ace and called for the club 10. If East had covered with his queen, it would have clarified the position, but he played low. Now West, after winning with the club ace, wasn't sure what was happening. He shifted to the heart jack. South played low from the board and dropped the nine from his hand! West, thinking that he had found the killing defense, continued with the heart two. Declarer took East's queen with his ace, played the heart three to dummy's eight and discarded a club on the heart king. Cool!

North 12-19-20
♠ Q 8 4 3
♥ K 8 6 4
♦ A K
♣ 10 9 5

West
♠ 9
♥ J 10 5 2
♦ Q J 6 5 2
♣ A 8 2

East
♠ J 10 7
♥ Q 7
♦ 10 8 4 3
♣ K Q 6 3

South
♠ A K 6 5 2
♥ A 9 3
♦ 9 7
♣ J 7 4

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: Neither

| South | West | North | East |
|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1♣ | Pass |
| 1♠ | Pass | 2♠ | Pass |
| 4♠ | Pass | Pass | Pass |

Opening lead: ♦ Q

## SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★★

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1 | | 6 | 3 | | | | 5 |
| | | | | 4 | | | 2 | |
| | | 5 | | 7 | | 3 | | 6 |
| | | | | | 5 | 8 | | |
| 2 | 5 | | | 9 | | | 4 | 3 |
| | | 9 | 7 | | | | | |
| 3 | | 8 | | 1 | | 9 | | |
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| 6 | | | | 5 | 3 | | 7 | |

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**How to play:** Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

| | | | | | | | | |
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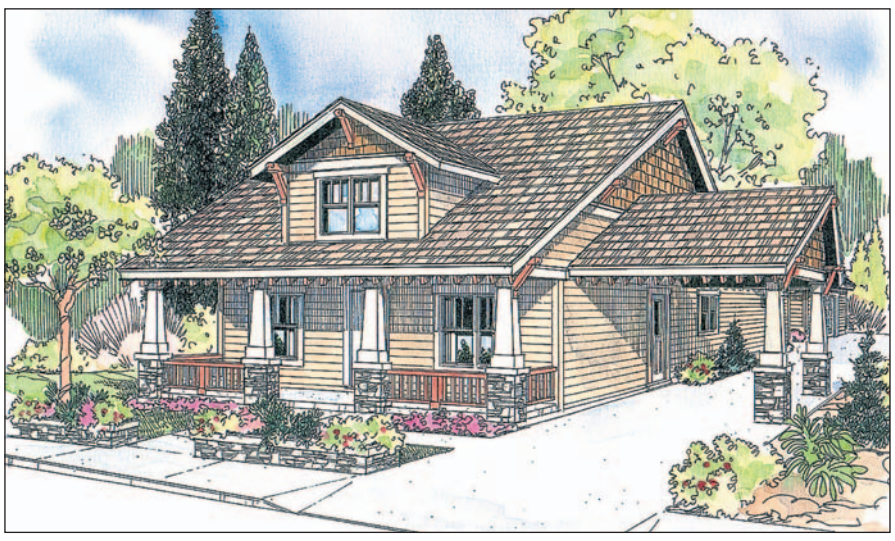

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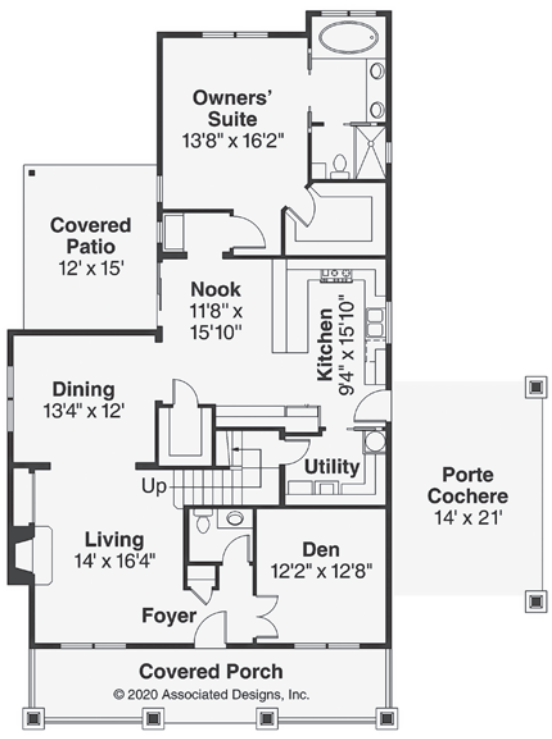


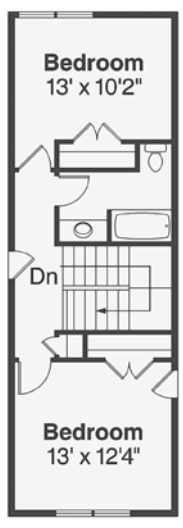


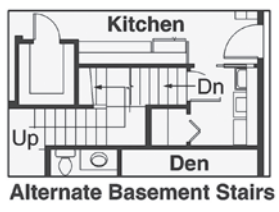

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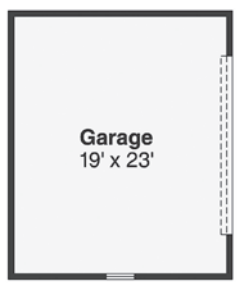


From the street, the Markham has the appearance of a symmetrical Craftsman-style bungalow with an attached porte cochere. Telling details include stone veneer bases supporting tapered columns, exposed rafter tails, a gabled dormer and windows with smaller panes in their upper halves.

Inside, a conveniently placed half-bath is tucked behind the foyer's coat closet. Double doors on the right open into a den, ideally placed for use as a home office. The foyer's open left side leads directly into the living room.

On the living room's left wall, a gas fireplace serves as a focal point next to cabinetry for a home entertainment center.

The living room links to the dining room, which in turn is open to the nook and kitchen. The kitchen has cupboards and counters on three sides, including a set that extends into the nook, and a roomy walk-in pantry. The nook's sliding glass doors offer access to a covered patio, which could be screened.

A cozy, semi-private window seat is nestled into an alcove on the far side of the nook, across from the entry to the owners' suite.

The owners' suite is at the rear, and includes a walk-in closet, spa tub, dual vanity and an enclosed toilet and shower. Two more bedrooms and a bathroom are upstairs.

For more information, or to view other house designs, visit www.AssociatedDesigns.com or call 800-634-0123.

**House name:** Markham 30-575
**First floor:** 1,700 square feet
**Second floor:** 522 square feet
**Garage:** 437 square feet
**Dimensions:** 50-by-67-feet
**Garage dimensions:** 19-by-23-feet

# 10 trends to enhance your space for winter

**By KIM PALMER**
(Minneapolis) Star-Tribune

With the pandemic still looming large, we're facing a long slog at home during the winter months ahead.

If that prospect fills you with gloom, consider it an opportunity to make some changes to your home so that it feels more inviting, enjoyable and functional.

End-of-year trend reports and predictions for 2021 are full of ideas that homeowners can tap into to spruce up their spaces. Here are a few, culled from various sources:

**Add some brown:** White and gray have been the ubiquitous go-to color palette for interiors in recent years. But warmer neutrals, including brown and beige, are starting to make a comeback, according to the 2021 Home Design Predictions recently released by Houzz.

Warm taupes, beiges, sand and other earth tones are surging in popularity, according to designers and builders that Houzz queried. It's time for the pendulum to swing. And brown as an accent color can help bring some warmth into white and gray spaces, which can read as chilly, especially during winter.

**Add some blue:** We're all seeking tranquility these days, and blue is the perfect hue to create a serene and soothing home, according to Better Homes & Gardens. The magazine's trend forecast for 2021 includes "Ocean Hues," with shades ranging from deep inky blues to soft aqua.

**Gain some privacy:** The open-concept floor plan, so popular in recent years, was put to the test in 2020 as multiple household members struggled to take part in concurrent video meetings and classes without walls to muffle the sound. If your home has an open plan, consider adding sliding doors or partitions that can help block noise and create a sense of privacy.

**Upgrade your home office:** When the pandemic began, many workers hastily set up makeshift workstations at home. The trend of remote work will continue in 2021, Houzz predicts, and homeowners will seek ways to create more efficient dedicated home offices, work nooks and even backyard work cottages.

If your home office isn't getting the job done, now's a good time to invest in some enhancements, such as a more comfortable chair, better lighting or a better system to organize and contain paper clutter. Video conference-worthy backdrops also are trending. If yours is lackluster, add a piece of artwork, a pop of color, good lighting and a little greenery, Houzz suggests.

**Go retro:** What's a "Grandmillennial"? It's a youthful fresh take on "granny decor," according to HGTV, and it's trending as a reaction to modern minimalism.

Get the look and the feeling by incorporating a few touches often associated with Grandma's house, including cozy accents, pretty florals, ruffles and nostalgic throwback details such as needlepoint.

**Soothe your stress:** Bathrooms increasingly have become spaces for rest and relaxation, according to Houzz. You can make your bathroom soothing and hangout-worthy by adding a few spa-like amenities – a steam shower, an aromatherapy showerhead or a bathtub filler or other attachment that can hold a cup of tea or glass of wine.

**Upsize your tile:** Large rectangular tiles are trending for bathrooms, according to Houzz. Big tiles mean fewer grout lines, require less cleaning and create less visual clutter.

Large-format tile also can help a small space feel bigger. When using large tile on a bathroom floor, choose a matte finish for slip-resistance.

**Create a destination space:** With recreational travel a distant memory, many are craving that getaway feeling at home. Interiors inspired by "Distant Shores," especially tropical locales, will be popular in 2021, according to Better Homes & Gardens magazine.

Infuse a room with tropical brights, lush flower or foliage prints and beachy accents to create a space where you can refresh and recharge without leaving home.

**Exercise your green thumb:** Houseplants have made a comeback during the pandemic, and their popularity will continue into 2021, according to HGTV. Refresh your air and brighten your mood with some live flora. Or go all out and create a trendy "living wall" of plants.

**Have some fun:** With fewer diversions available to us, at least we can turn our creativity loose on our homes. Interior designer Taniya Nayak recently teamed up with Frog Tape to develop five home trends for 2021, including "Play Hard," which incorporates cheerful hues, lighthearted accent pieces and bright textiles, to create a sense of fun at home.

DIY projects, such as painting bold geometric patterns on an accent wall or hand-painting planters, "add an element of joy," Nayak said.

ASK ANGIE'S LIST

# What kind of thermostats can I install in my house?

**By PAUL F. P. POGUE**
Angie's List (TNS)

Dreamstime / TNS
Thermostats play a major role in efficiency and comfort.

In recent years, the ubiquitous home thermostat has evolved a great deal, from traditional dials and needles to electronic screens to models that can predict your HVAC needs.

While basic models work well for some, more advanced models offer major benefits in comfort and energy efficiency. Here's a rundown of the major types and what you can expect to pay for them.

**Mechanical non-programmable thermostats:** These thermostats are the lowest costing option, averaging between $15 and $30 to install. These are your old-fashioned style that function entirely by turning a dial left or right to select the temperature.

Although they're very common, they're being phased out of use because they contain mercury.

**Non-programmable electronic thermostats:** The thermostats cost around $20 to $50 to install. They need to be adjusted manually and have very few other features beyond those offered by a mechanical thermostat.

However, they usually feature a digital display that can make it easier to select a specific temperature, and have become very common in homes in the last few decades.

**Programmable electronic thermostats:** Until recently, these were the most advanced and expensive option available at a cost of $20 to $150. Features include the ability to set heating and cooling options, and program temperatures according to preset weekday, weekend and week-long programs.

Many of these models can have numerous programs set for days at a time. These components help control homeowners' HVAC costs. They may illuminate for easy access in the dark. And many of the newest models have touch screens.

**Smart thermostats:** Installing a smart thermostat can cost between $200 and $300. They are significantly more expensive than other options, but the additional features can save energy and money.

They can be remotely operated by your mobile device or computer no matter how far away from home you're at. Some high-end devices can learn your preferences and automatically adjust the temperature in your home to suit you.

"Learning" devices are best suited for homeowners with a consistent schedule, since that learning curve is defined by your everyday habits.

Most high-end equipment also "communicates" with the heating and cooling systems they are controlling. Wiring for these systems is more advanced, but the added work comes with extra benefits like troubleshooting assistance and maintenance warnings.

Electrical work such as thermostat installation should be left to a professional to prevent injury or damage to your home. While it may cost more money up front, ensuring the job is done right can save you time and money in the long run.

Most electricians can install or replace a thermostat in two hours or less at a rate of $65 to $85 per hour for a total labor cost of less than $170.

Whether you opt for a modern, digital model or a simple, manual one, the installation costs will not be significantly different. It's still an electrical job no matter which type you choose.

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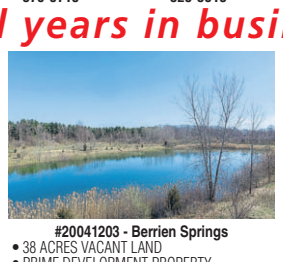

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**TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE VILLAGE OF THREE OAKS, BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES.**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE **that a Public Hearing will be held by the Village of Three Oaks Planning Commission on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. to consider a request to rezone 23 West Ash Street.** This meeting shall be held as an Electronic Meeting via "Zoom" in compliance with the Open Meetings Act Amendments. **In order to access the "Zoom" meeting, use: Meeting ID #318 747 6067 – Password #680409.**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE **that the following item will be considered at this Public Hearing:**

1. A request to rezone approximately .81 acres located at 23 West Ash Street, **R-1 Single Family Residential District to the C-1 General Commercial District.** This request, if approved, will require an amendment to the Village of Three Oaks Zoning Map, as made part of the Village of Three Oaks Zoning Ordinance by Section 2.102.

Public comment will be taken at the Public Hearing or written comment may be sent to the Village Manager at the Village of Three Oaks, P.O. Box 335, Three Oaks MI 49128 or emailed to villagemgr@threeoaksvillage.org prior to the Public Hearing on January 5, 2021.

**S:/Cynthia E. Moynihan**
**Village Clerk, Village of Three Oaks**

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Four separate permit applications have been concurrently submitted under Part 325, Great Lakes Submerged Lands, and Part 353, Sand Dunes Protection and Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (NREPA), located at the following addresses in Chikaming Township, Harbert, Michigan: 13716 Suns End, 13726 Suns End, 13740 Suns End,13784 Suns End. The applicants propose to install boulder revetments, as erosion control, along the Lake Michigan shoreline. Specifically, the applicants propose to install a cumulative total of 2,291 cubic yards of mattress and armor stone in two areas measuring a cumulative total of 411 feet long by 38 feet wide. No dredging or placement of fill is proposed lakeward of the Ordinary High Water Mark of Lake Michigan. Temporary construction access is proposed via 13784 Suns End. The projects are located in T07S, R20W, Sections 16 and 9, Chikaming Township, Berrien County, Michigan, in accordance with plans attached to this notice.

**How to attend the Online Hearing:**
To attend the online public information meeting register at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_KSEWzzvbSHelZcHNpaVCyg. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. If you do not have internet access and would like to join by PHONE ONLY please use the following phone number: 312-626-6799, and use access code 874 7752 0450#. Pre-registration is not required to attend the meeting. Individuals interested in participating can click the link above at the start of the event (6:00 p.m.).

The application is available for review and comment on EGLE's Website, MiWaters: https://miwaters.deq.state.mi.us/miwaters/external/publicnotice/search
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Comments can also be submitted by regular mail to: EGLE, WRD, Kalamazoo District Office, 7953 Adobe Road, Kalamazoo, Michigan, 49009-5025.

The hearing will be held pursuant to Section 35304(1)c of Part 353 of the NREPA. The hearing will not be a legal proceeding, witnesses will not be sworn, and there will be no cross examination. Public hearings are primarily informational and are held to encourage the expression of views and presentation of facts.
A copy of the decision on this application can be reviewed on MiWaters, using MiWaters Site Explorer, once a decision has been made.
MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT, GREAT LAKES, AND ENERGY
Water Resources Division

Date: December 7, 2020

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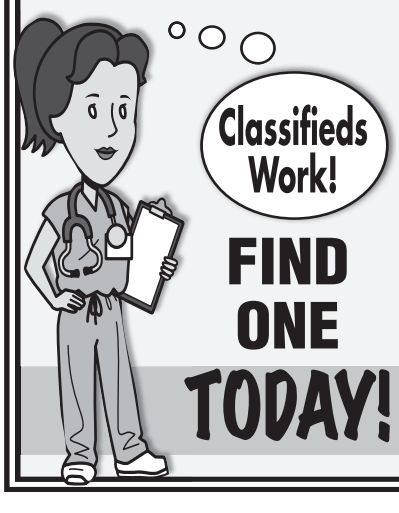


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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TAKE NOTICE that the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy, (EGLE) Water Resources Division (WRD) will hold an online public hearing on January 7, 2021.
The purpose of this hearing is to secure the views of interested persons concerning the following application for permit:
Application for, Submission Number HNV-EPVQ-TKDRV under Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams; Part 325 Great Lakes Submerged Lands; and Part 353, Sand Dunes Protection and Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, submitted by the Berrien County Drain Commissioner. The applicant seeks authorization for maintenance dredging of the Grand Mere Outlet country drain. The purpose of the project is to alleviate high-water issues associated with North Grand Mere Lake. Specifically, the applicant seeks: 1) After-the-fact authorization for maintenance dredging conducted approximately 35 times per year, over the last 5 years, which included mechanical dredging of approximately 75 cubic yards of sand/gravel from below the Ordinary High Water Mark (OHWM), from an area measuring approximately 25 feet wide by 80 feet long, at the stream's confluence with Lake Michigan. Placement of the dredged material in upland locations adjacent to the stream and Lake Michigan. 2) New authorization to conduct maintenance dredging for the next 5 years, to include: Dredge approximately 75 cubic yards of material from below the OHWM of the stream and Lake Michigan, in an area measuring approximately 25 feet wide by 80 feet long. Place dredged material on upland critical dunes area adjacent to the stream and Lake Michigan. Temporary access to the construction site is proposed by modifying an existing path located on adjoining properties. The project is located in T05S, R19W, Section 20, Lincoln Township, Berrien County, Michigan, in accordance with plans attached to this notice.

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## HOROSCOPE

**By EUGENIA LAST**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19**

Use whatever leverage you can drum up this year. Be creative, and take the initiative to broaden your skills. Speak up and show passion and leadership ability, and you will make an impression that will help you get ahead. Love is apparent, along with self-improvement and a better lifestyle.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** A change at home will require transparency if you want it to unfold without a hitch. Don't keep secrets or be hesitant to question someone aloof or vague. Romance is favored.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Take a passionate approach to whatever you do. Refuse to let anyone get you down or stand in your way. Anger will be a waste of time, so channel your energy into something that counts.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Slow down, take a break and catch your breath. Give yourself time to think about your priorities. Change is worthwhile only if it brings you joy and peace of mind.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Heightened emotions will cause uncertainty. Consider your options, and if nothing looks good, take a pass and wait for something better to come along. Don't make a move for the wrong reason.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** Stick to the script, and expect the same in return. Honesty will be essential if you plan to get things done. A contract, joint venture or move will pay off if you go through the proper channels.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** A promise may be difficult to collect. Don't let your emotions take charge if uncertainty regarding your position or status arises. Do something to ease stress.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** The information you receive will be misleading. Ask questions, get what you want in writing and don't be afraid to walk away. Evaluate a joint venture with rigor and a clear head.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** There are deals to consider and money to be made. An innovative plan will pay off, and a chance to make a professional move is apparent. Take on a project that requires creative thinking.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Don't rely on others to do things for you. If you take an energetic approach, you'll reach your goal in record time. Celebrate your victory with a loved one.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** It will be challenging to know what to do based on the information you receive. Don't give in to someone trying to push you in a questionable direction. Walk away if something doesn't feel right.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** Tackle unfinished tasks and get them out of the way before someone complains. Put your energy to work, and structure your day to ensure that you reach your goal.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Be realistic about your plans and how you implement them. Look for innovative ways to interest people who have something worthwhile to contribute. A change to the dynamics of a relationship will prove eventful.

## HOROSCOPE

**By EUGENIA LAST**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20**

Consider your long-term plans, and don't jeopardize your chance to reach your goal because of something you have no control over. Be practical, and view the changes heading your way optimistically. Focus on what you can do, not on what you can't.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** Assumptions will lead to problems. Find out the truth before you point fingers or do something you'll regret. Put more time and effort into personal gain and physical fitness.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** Run your ideas past anyone directly influenced by the changes you implement to your home or lifestyle. Look for enticing ways to interest others in helping you reach your objectives.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** Keep up the momentum. Strive for perfection. Put greater emphasis on meaningful relationships, and be sure to let loved ones know how you feel. Finish what you start and keep your promises.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** Someone will disagree with your decisions. Don't let emotions interfere with your resolutions. Stick to the facts, or someone will question your reasoning. Play it safe.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** You can clear up uncertainty if you ask direct questions. The information you gather will help you make a decision. An offer you receive will be better than expected.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** Keep an open mind, but verify the information you receive before you pass it along. How knowledgeable and reliable you are will affect your reputation. Offer someone needing help suggestions, not cash.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** Don't trust someone to do things for you. Put more effort into a meaningful relationship. Discuss your intentions, and make plans that will bring you and the other party closer.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** Get things done and avoid argument. Try to make progress and be grateful for any assistance you receive. A positive attitude will bring the best results.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** Don't let an emotional situation stop you from following through with your plans. A competitive challenge will boost your ego and motivate you to start a new adventure. Love is on the rise.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** Set your sights on something you want, and pursue your objective. A change to where or how you live will motivate you to try something you've never done. Be prepared.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** A positive turn of events will broaden your options and give you hope moving forward. Don't sit back when it's vital to take care of the details if you wish to get the most out of a situation.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** Let your imagination take the reins, and you will discover something that excites you. Personal growth will lead to a new way of life that offers peace of mind. Change begins with you.

# CROSSWORD

Crossword Answers D4

## Los Angeles Times Sunday Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

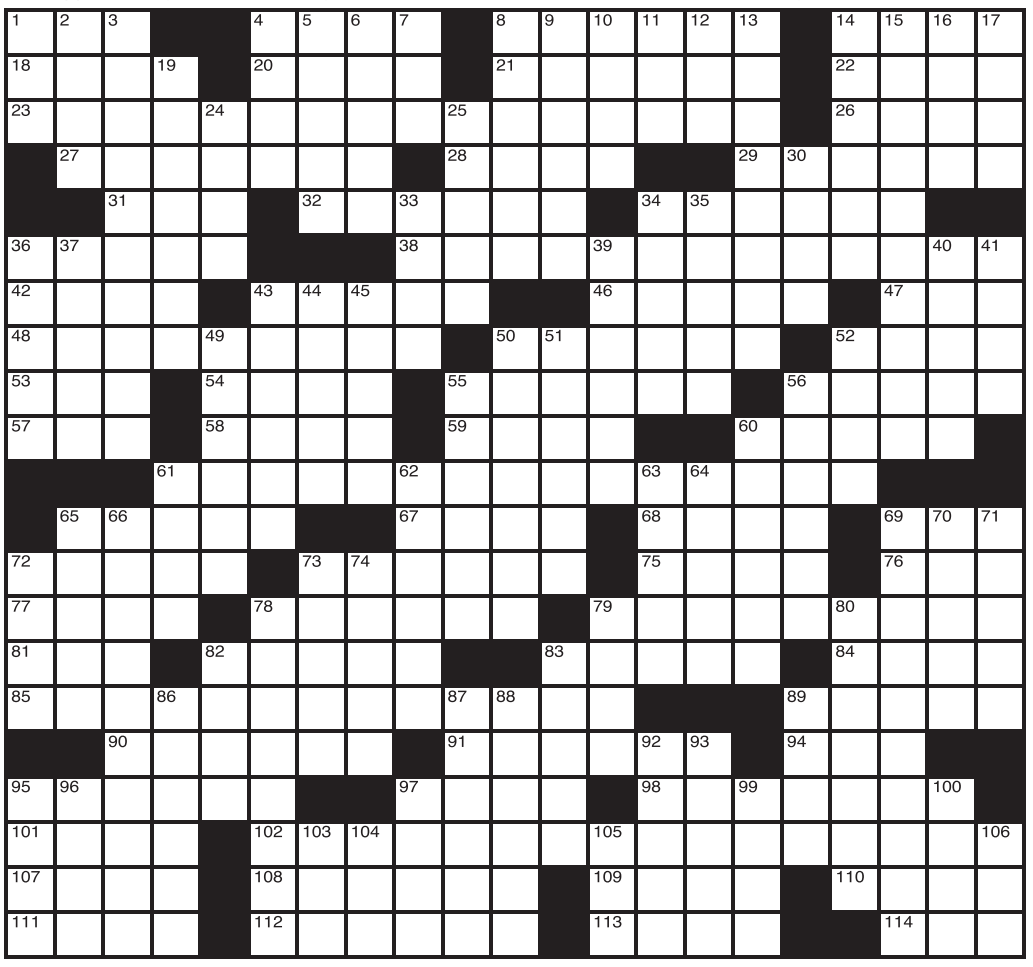
**"POP QUIZ" By ROSS TRUDEAU**

**ACROSS**

1 Broody genre
4 Bothersome sort
8 Writ word
14 "Yeah, right!"
18 Traveler's app that can use crowdsourced data
20 Creep (along)
21 "Little Miss Dynamite" Lee
22 Gold rush animal
23 Question 1 (Baha Men, 2000)
26 Gainsborough's "The Blue Boy" et al.
27 Flustered
28 Book of Mormon prophet
29 iPod and iPad
31 Ability of Marvel's Professor X
32 Use sparingly
34 Did an aria, say
36 Like some river bottoms
38 Question 2 (Third Eye Blind, 1997)
42 Smoothie berry
43 Like Cheerios
46 Shouldered
47 Crafty sort
48 With 79-Across, Question 3 (War, 1975)
50 Hall of Famer Reese
52 Get behind something, maybe
53 Golf club part
54 Goldberg who drew complex "machines"
55 Petrol measures
56 Buenos __
57 Bobby on ice
58 Romanov title
59 End of a ball game?
60 "Despicable Me" orphan
61 Question 4 (Jagged Edge featuring Nelly, 2001)
65 Thunders
67 Assistant
68 Electrical units
69 __ es Salaam
72 Housing choice
73 Sign of spring
75 Pod contents
76 Legal org.
77 Activity centers
78 Temptation for a gambler
79 See 48-Across
81 In the past
82 "Pearly Shells" singer
83 Ish
84 Victoria's Secret spec
85 Question 5 (Justin Bieber, 2015)
89 Contests that take seconds?
90 Lassos
91 "The Communist Manifesto" co-author
94 "O, __ fortune's fool!": Romeo
95 Beatnik address
97 Little bit
98 Noble realm
101 Et __
102 Question 6 (Linda Ronstadt, 1975)
107 Philosopher Descartes
108 Chief
109 Zipped through
110 "Biggest Little City in the World"
111 Brewery units
112 Walked proudly
113 What many players shoot for
114 Common doo-wop solo instrument

**DOWN**

1 "Ick"
2 Half a menu fish
3 Stratospheric shield
4 Brad of "12 Monkeys"
5 Formal "Door's open"
6 Unstressed vowel sound
7 Not just any
8 Netflix competitor
9 Gases in some bulbs
10 Porgy's beloved
11 Musician Brian
12 Ghanian-born soccer great
13 Got stood up at the café, say
14 Words while checking one's calendar
15 Jack London classic, with "To"
16 Fashion monthly
17 Hardy heroine
19 Springy
24 Spot
25 Two-sport Sanders
30 Bread in a skillet
33 You, biblically
34 Vermont ski resort
35 Scary beasts
36 Handled
37 Blood of the Greek gods
39 Madrid's peninsula
40 Portends
41 Subjects of split decisions?
43 Disagreeable necessities
44 Being litigated
45 Poetic contraction
49 Prefix with pod or scope
50 Accumulated
51 Military camps
52 Crossword title, often
55 "Interpreter of Maladies" Pulitzer author Jhumpa __
56 Tennis legend Andre
60 Language or people of the central Andes
61 Rolls of money
62 "Amélie" star Audrey
63 Rodeo competitor
64 Lifting, maybe
65 Golfer's "tall stuff"
66 Orientation procedure
69 Steps on the floor?
70 Singer Paula
71 Talks hoarsely
72 Wad of tobacco
73 Skater Harding
74 Dumas' Count de la Fère
78 Nocturnal hunters
79 Radius, for one
80 Galápagos Islands' country
82 Time for action
83 Katey of "Sons of Anarchy"
86 Spruces (up)
87 Asked for a tuna treat, maybe
88 Whole
89 Pickle flavoring
92 High-end camera
93 Cavalry blade
95 Like grim humor
96 Sheltered, at sea
97 Chinese leader?
99 Chianti and Bordeaux
100 Actress Suvari
103 Worked (up)
104 Canal site
105 Cozy cat seat
106 Publish identifying material about on the Web



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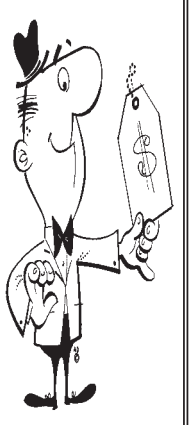

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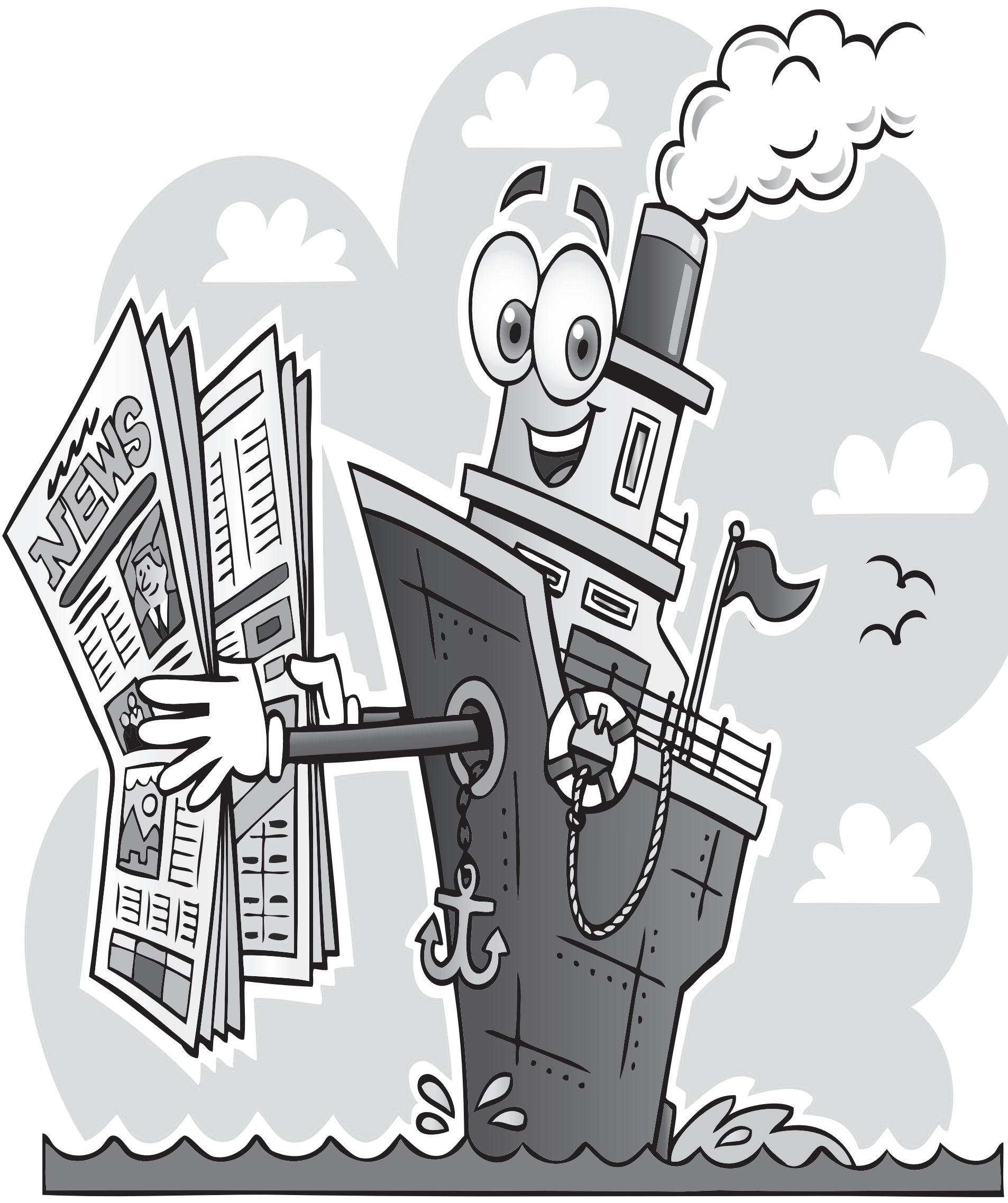


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| MSRP | $38,090 |
| SIEMANS DISCOUNT | - 1,095 |
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| FORD RETAIL TRADE-IN ASSISTANCE BONUS CASH* | - 1,000 |
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| FORD RETAIL CUSTOMER CASH | - 1,500 |
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| FORD COMPETITIVE CONQUEST BONUS CASH* | - 1,000 |
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WHITE WITH BLUE STRIPES, LEATHER SEATS, GT 350, HERITAGE PACKAGE, NAVIGATION, B & O 12 SPEAKERS SOUND SYSTEM, BLIND SPOT MONITORING WITH CROSS TRAFFIC ALERT, AND MUCH MORE! F20440

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## BIG FINISH 2020

CHRYSLER DODGE Jeep RAM

### 2020 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE SUMMIT 4X4

SLATE BLUE PEARL, NAVIGATION, HEATED SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, POWER LIFTGATE, 19 SPEAKER HIGH PERFORMANCE AUDIO, AND MUCH MORE! C20252

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| MSRP | $36,025 |
| SIEMANS DISCOUNT | - 1,030 |
| SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE | $34,995 |
| MILITARY CONSUMER CASH* | - 500 |

**AS LOW AS $34,495**

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### 2021 JEEP WRANGLER SPORT 4X4

BLACK, 2.0 4-CYLINDER TURBO ENGINE, PREMIUM BLACK SUNRIDER SOFT TOP, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, 8 SPEED AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION, POWER WINDOWS AND LOCKS, REAR BACK-UP CAMERA, AND MUCH MORE! C21008

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| MSRP | $37,245 |
| EMPLOYEE PRICING DISCOUNT | - 2,488 |
| EMPLOYEE PRICING FOR ALL | $34,757 |
| REBATE | - 500 |
| CHRYSLER CAPITAL 2020 BONUS CASH* | - 750 |
| NATIONAL RETAIL BONUS CASH | - 750 |
| BONUS CASH | - 1,000 |
| SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE | $31,757 |
| RETURNING LESSEE CASH* | - 500 |
| MILITARY CONSUMER CASH* | - 500 |

**AS LOW AS $30,757**

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### 2020 JEEP CHEROKEE TRAILHAWK 4X4

BRIGHT WHITE, 3.2 V6 ENGINE, REMOTE START, HEATED FRONT SEATS, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, BLIND SPOT AND CROSS PATH DETECTION, AND MUCH MORE! C20231

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| MSRP | $31,990 |
| EMPLOYEE PRICING DISCOUNT | - 2,106 |
| EMPLOYEE PRICING FOR ALL | $29,884 |
| REBATE | - 1,500 |
| CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH* | - 750 |
| RETAIL BONUS CASH | - 500 |
| BONUS CASH | - 500 |
| SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE | $26,634 |
| MILITARY CONSUMER CASH* | - 500 |
| RETURNING LESSEE CASH* | - 500 |

**AS LOW AS $25,634**

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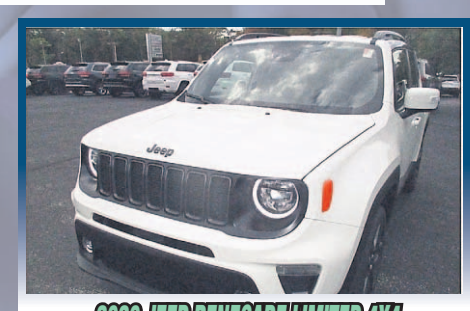

### 2020 JEEP RENEGADE LIMITED 4X4

ALPINE WHITE, LEATHER SEATS, NAVIGATION, 19 INCH ALUMINUM WHEELS, TOUCHSCREEN RADIO, 1.3 TURBO ENGINE, HEATED FRONT SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, AND MUCH MORE! C20311

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### 2020 RAM 1500 CREW CAB 4X4 LARAMIE

GRANITE CRYSTAL, 5.7 V8 HEMI E-TORQUE ENGINE, 22 INCH POLISHED PAINTED ALUMINUM WHEELS, SPORT APPEARANCE PACKAGE, ANTI-SPIN REAR AXLE, LEATHER SEATS, NAVIGATION, SPORT PERFORMANCE HOOD, 19 SPEAKER HARMAN KARDON SPEAKER SYSTEM, HEATED SEATS, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, BLIND SPOT AND CROSS PATH DETECTION, AND MUCH MORE! C20251

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| MSRP | $60,055 |
| EMPLOYEE PRICING DISCOUNT | - 7,204 |
| EMPLOYEE PRICING FOR ALL | $52,851 |
| CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH* | - 500 |
| RAM BONUS CASH COUPON | - 250 |
| TRUCK OWNER CONQUEST BONUS CASH* | - 1,000 |
| SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE | $51,101 |
| CONQUEST LEASE CASH* | - 500 |
| MILITARY CONSUMER CASH* | - 500 |

**AS LOW AS $50,101**

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### 2020 RAM 3500 FLATBED

BRIGHT WHITE, 6.4 V8 ENGINE, READING 12 FOOT PLATFORM BODY, CHROME APPEARANCE GROUP, AND MUCH MORE! C20222

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| MSRP | $39,380 |
| ADD FOR 12 FOOT FLATBED | + 7,227 |
| SUBTOTAL | $46,607 |
| SIEMANS DISCOUNT | - 2,612 |
| COMMERCIAL TRUCK SEASON BONUS CASH* | - 500 |
| ON THE JOB COMMERCIAL UPFIT* | - 1,000 |
| RAM BONUS CASH COUPON | - 250 |
| RAM HD ENGINE BONUS CASH | - 500 |
| SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE | $41,745 |
| MILITARY CONSUMER CASH* | - 500 |
| RETURNING LESSEE CASH* | - 500 |

**AS LOW AS $40,745**

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### 2021 JEEP COMPASS LATITUDE 4X4

GRANITE CRYSTAL, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, HEATED FRONT SEATS, TOUCH SCREEN RADIO, POWER SUNROOF, AND MUCH MORE! C21004

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| MSRP | $32,325 |
| EMPLOYEE PRICING DISCOUNT | - 2,148 |
| EMPLOYEE PRICING FOR ALL | $30,177 |
| REBATE | - 2,000 |
| CHRYSLER CAPITAL BONUS CASH* | - 750 |
| GREAT LAKES BONUS CASH | - 250 |
| BONUS CASH | - 500 |
| SALE PRICE FOR EVERYONE | $26,677 |
| MILITARY CONSUMER CASH* | - 500 |
| RETURNING LESSEE CASH* | - 500 |

**AS LOW AS $25,677**

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### 2021 JEEP GLADIATOR SPORT 4X4 WILLY'S WHEELER

BRIGHT WHITE, TRAILER TOW PACKAGE, REMOTE START, REAR SLIDING WINDOW, HEATED STEERING WHEEL, BLACK 3-PIECE HARDTOP, TOUCHSCREEN RADIO, HEATED FRONT SEATS, ALPINE PREMIUM AUDIO SYSTEM, AND MUCH MORE! C21056

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| SRP | $47,190 |
| EMPLOYEE PRICING DISCOUNT | - 3,858 |
| EMPLOYEE PRICING FOR ALL | $43,332 |
| MILITARY CONSUMER CASH* | - 500 |

**AS LOW AS $42,832**

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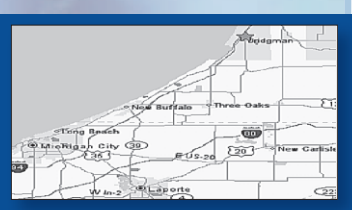

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## 2012 HONDA CIVIC LX

1.8 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Styled Wheel Covers, 146K Miles, Power Windows, CD-Player, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked, Gray, U20140A

**NOW $7,558**

## 2016 MERCEDES 4MATIC GLE350 AWD

3.5 EFI Engine, 7 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Spoked Wheels, 71K Miles, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seating, Power Dual Panel Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Palladium Silver, F20388A

**Was $27,964 NOW $26,915**

## 2017 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 33K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Touchscreen Display, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Rear Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Billet Silver U20174

**Was $31,951 NOW $27,799**

## 2017 HONDA ACCORD EX

2.4 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 26K Miles, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Silver, F20420A

**Was $20,884 NOW $18,502**

## 2014 JEEP WRANGLER UNLIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 5 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 73K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, 3-Piece Hard Top, Heated Front Seats, Touchscreen Display, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked, Black U20176

**Was $31,749 NOW $27,136**

## 2017 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE ALTITUDE 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 37K Miles, Remote Start, Power Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Billet Silver U20181

**Was $31,228 NOW $28,880**

## 2018 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 33K Miles, Remote Start, Power Driver's Seat, Reverse Park Assist with Stop, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Velvet Red, C20223A

**NOW $28,783**

## 2017 FORD EXPLORER PLATINUM 4X4

3.5 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 30K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Adaptive Cruise Control, Front and Rear View Cameras, Lane-Keeping System, Active Park Assist, Reverse Sensing System, Power Lift Gate, Trailer Tow Package, Ford Certified! Shadow Black C20288A

**Was $35,989 NOW $33,935**

## 2018 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 26K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Reverse Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Black Diamond U20180

**Was $33,520 NOW $29,427**

## 2015 INFINITI QX70 AWD

3.7 EFI Engine, 7 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 66K Miles, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Seating, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Back-Up Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Liquid Platinum, C21009A

**NOW $23,997**

## 2017 CHRYSLER PACIFICA TOURING L PLUS

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 9 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 65K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Side Side Doors, DVD Entertainment System, Reverse Park Assist with Stop, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Chrysler Certified! Granite, C20212A

**Was $26,811 NOW $22,225**

## 2019 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4

2.7 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 10K Miles, Security Cover, Bed Liner, Chrome Step Bars, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Heated Front Seats, Dynamic Hitch Assist, Pre-Collision Assist, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red, F20399A

**Was $39,995 NOW $37,407**

## 2019 FORD F-150 LARIAT SUPERCREW DIESEL 4X4

3.0 V6 EFI Turbo Diesel Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, Only 9K Miles! Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Chrome Step Bars, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Memory Power Adjust Pedals, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Twin Panel Moon Roof, Blind Spot Information System, Reverse Sensing System, Trailer Tow Package, Trailer Tow Monitor, Trailer Back Up Assist, Smart Trailer Tow Connector, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Ruby Red C20246A

**Was $54,990 NOW $51,403**

## 2018 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4

3.5 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 11K Miles, Remote Start, SYNC 3, Chrome Step Bars, Power Heated Front Seats, Power Pedals, Blind Spot Information System, Trailer Tow Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Magma Red F20218A

**Was $40,966 NOW $36,200**

## 2018 FORD FUSION SE AWD

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, Only 13K Miles! Remote Start, Navigation, SE Luxury Package, Power Driver's Seat, Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, SYNC 3, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Magnetic, F20394A

**Was $22,883 NOW $19,895**

## 2019 FORD F-150 LARIAT SUPERCREW 4X4

5.0 V8 EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 31K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Bed Liner, Chrome Step Bars, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Memory Power Adjust Pedals, Heated Steering Wheel, 2 nd Row Heated Seats, Twin Panel Moon Roof, 360 Degree Camera, Pre-Collision Assist, Blind Spot Monitor with Trailer Towing Monitor, Smart Trailer Tow Connector, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Agate Black, C21013A

**NOW $47,373**

## 2017 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER LIMITED AWD

3.5 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Chrome Wheels, 30K Miles, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Adaptive Cruise Control, Cross Traffic Alert, Blind Spot Monitor, Lane Keeping Assist, Rear Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Pre-Dawn Gray Mica, C20303A

**NOW $34,312**

## 2019 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4

2.7 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, Only 13K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Security Cover, Bed Liner, Chrome Step Bars, Power Heated Front Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, Pre-Collision Assist, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Agate Black, U20143A

**NOW $40,498**

## 2017 FORD FOCUS SEL HATCHBACK

2.0 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 58K Miles, Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Kona Blue, M20086A

**Was $13,995 NOW $13,495**

## 2016 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE HIGH ALTITUDE 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 55K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Dual Panel Panoramic Moon Roof, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Trailer Tow Group IV, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Brilliant Black, C20306A

**Was $30,663 NOW $28,520**

## 2017 CHEVY SILVERADO 1500 LT 4X4

5.3 V8 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 45K Miles, Remote Start, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Power Driver's Seat, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Gray, U20206

**NOW $32,679**

## 2018 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4

2.7 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, Only 15K Miles! Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Bed Liner, Running Boards, Power Heated Front Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black, C20316A

**Was $39,995 NOW $39,369**

## 2015 DODGE JOURNEY CROSSROAD

2.4 EFI Engine, 4 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 87K Miles, Power Driver's Seat, Leather Trimmed Seating, Three Zone Temp Control, Touchscreen Display, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Vice White, F20334A

**Was $13,904 NOW $12,483**

## 2017 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4X4

3.5 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 35K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Dual Panel Moon Roof, Blind Spot Information System, Forward and Reverse Sensing System, Back-Up Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black, C20219A

**NOW $31,973**

## 2016 FORD EDGE SEL AWD

3.5 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Polished Aluminum Wheels, 49K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Trailer Tow Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Platinum, F20410A

**Was $22,923 NOW $20,836**

## 2014 VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT SE

1.8 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Spoked Wheels, 156K Miles, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! White

**Was $9,822 NOW $7,998**

## 2019 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN SXT

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 42K Miles, Remote Start, CD-Player, Power Driver's Seat, Power Slide Side Doors, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Powertrain Factory Warranty! White Knuckle S20013

**Was $20,500 NOW $18,995**

## 2017 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCAB 4X4

2.7 V6 EFI Ecoboost Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 39K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Driver's Seat, Reverse Sensing System, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black U20186

**Was $34,618 NOW $31,499**

## 2017 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCAB 4X4

3.5 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 10 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 49K Miles, Security Cover, Bed Liner Mat, Running Boards, Remote Start, Navigation, Trailer Tow Group, Pro Trailer Back-Up Assist, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, SYNC 3, Power Heated Front Seats, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black F20376A

**Was $34,980 NOW $30,891**

## 2018 HONDA FIT EX HATCHBACK, GRAY

1.5 EFI Engine, CVT Automatic, Aluminum Spoked Wheels, 44K Miles, Power Moon Roof, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! Gray, F20375A

**Was $16,357 NOW $14,896**

## 2019 DODGE GRAND CARAVAN GT

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 46K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Seating, Heated Steering Wheel, Stow 'N Go Seats, Auto Climate Control, Power Slide Side Doors, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Granite S20012

**Was $20,995 NOW $19,995**

## 2017 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LIMITED 4X4

3.6 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Tech Gray Aluminum Wheels, 50K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, Power Moon Roof, Touchscreen Display, Blind Spot and Cross Path Detection, Park Assist, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Jeep Certified! Diamond Black, U20178

**Was $32,380 Now $28,469**

## 2016 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4

5.8 V8 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 45K Miles, Remote Start, SYNC 3, Bed Liner, Chrome Step Bars, Power Heated Front Seats, Power Adjust Pedals, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Trailer Tow Group, Pro Trailer Back Up Assist, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Blue Jeans, F20436A

**Was $34,552 NOW $33,305**

## 2017 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER XLE AWD

3.5 V6 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 24K Miles, Navigation, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Lane Departure Warning, Blind Spot Monitor, Cross Traffic Alert, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Balance of Factory Warranty! PreDawn Gray Mica, C20227A

**Was $33,226 NOW $31,298**

## 2017 FORD EXPLORER PLATINUM 4X4

3.5 V6 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Machined Face Wheels, 58K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, 2nd Row Heated Seats, 3rd Row Power-Fold Seats, Panoramic Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, Adaptive Cruise Control, 180 Degree Front Camera, Lane Keeping System, Reverse Sensing System, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Trailer Tow Package, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Platinum, F20437A

**Was $33,821 NOW $32,771**

## 2017 FORD ESCAPE TITANIUM

2.0 Ecoboost EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, Less Than 15K Miles! Remote Start, Navigation, Memory Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Auto Climate Control, Blind Spot Monitor, Reverse Sensing System, Active Park Assist System, Rear View Camera, Hands Free Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Magnetic, F20400A

**Was $21,455 NOW $19,980**

## 2017 FORD EXPLORER XLT 4X4

3.5 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Wheels, 65K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, SYNC 3, Power Leather Heated Front Seats, Heated Steering Wheels, Auto Climate Control, Twin Panel Moon Roof, Forward and Reverse Sensing System, Blind Spot Information System, Back-Up Camera, Hands Free Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! White Platinum, C20076A

**Was $27,999 NOW $24,929**

## 2015 GMC YUKON DENALI 4X4

6.2 V8 EFI Engine, 8 Speed Automatic, Aluminum Spoked Wheels, 58K Miles, Remote Start, Navigation, Running Boards, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Front Seats, 2nd Heated Seats, Heated Steering Wheel, Power Moon Roof, DVD Entertainment System, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Black, C20305A

**Was $40,827 NOW $39,156**

## 2017 FORD F-150 XLT SUPERCREW 4X4

2.7 V6 EFI Engine, 6 Speed Automatic, Chrome-Like PVD Wheels, 36K Miles, Chrome Step Bars, Power Driver' Seat, Power Adjust Pedals, Rear View Camera, Remote Keyless Entry System, Ford Certified! Shadow Black, C20162A

**Was $36,625 NOW $34,907**

## 2016 TOYOTA HIGHLANDER LIMITED AWD

3.5 EFI Engine, Automatic Transmission, Aluminum Wheels, 117K Miles, Memory Power Leather Heated/AC Seats, Power Moon Roof, Auto Climate Control, CD-Player, Rear View Camera, Power Lift Gate, Remote Keyless Entry System, Car Smart Checked! Gray, C21020A

**Was $24,943 NOW $23,639**

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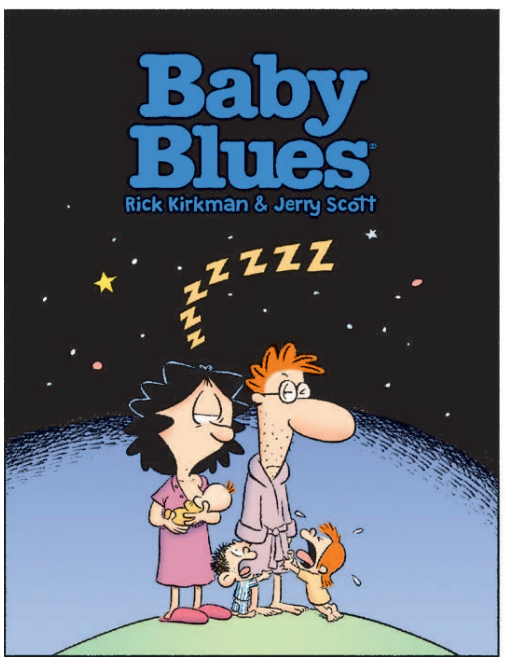


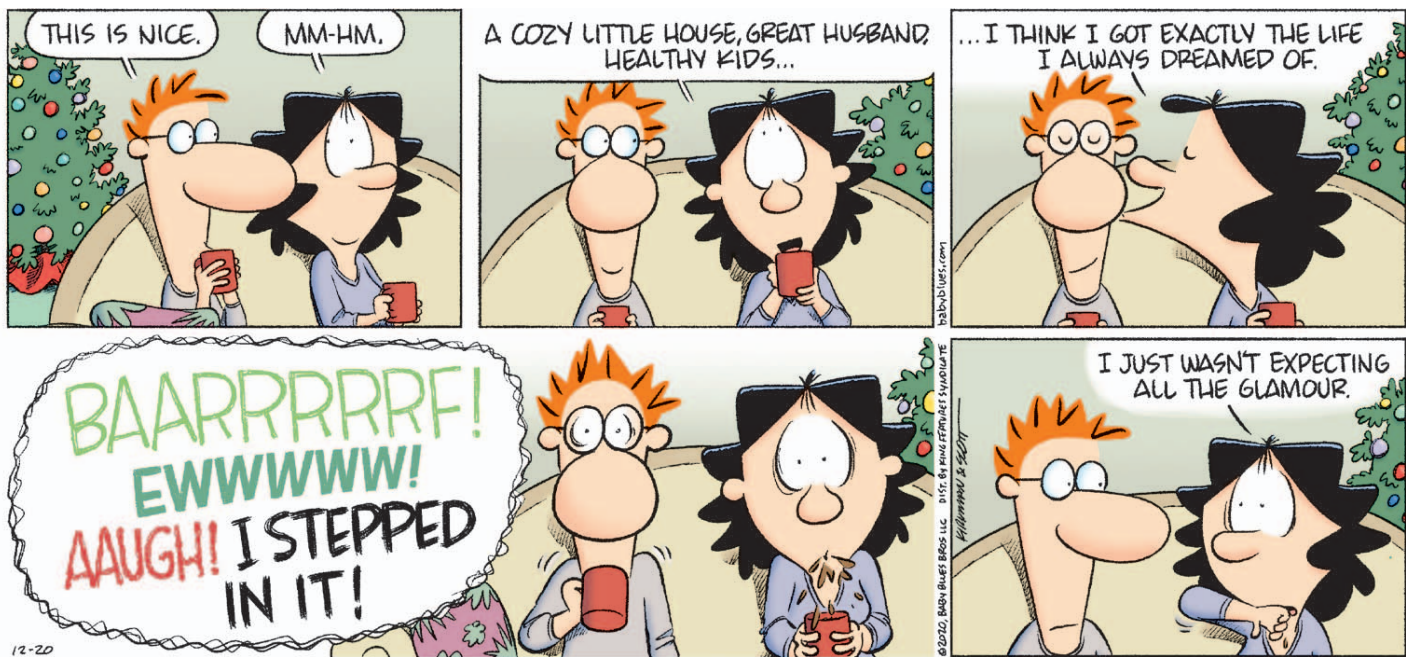
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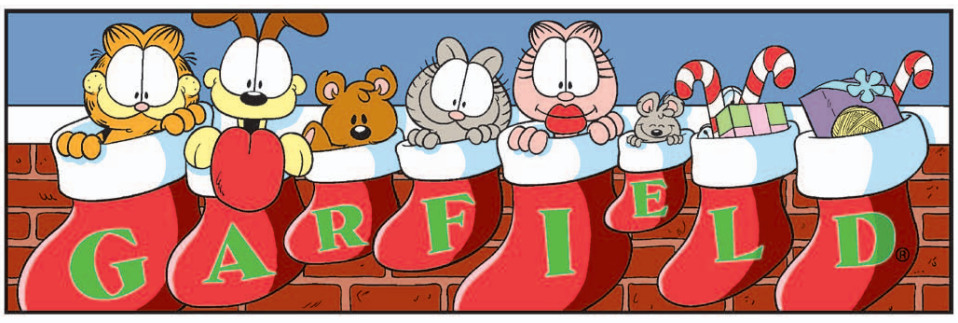
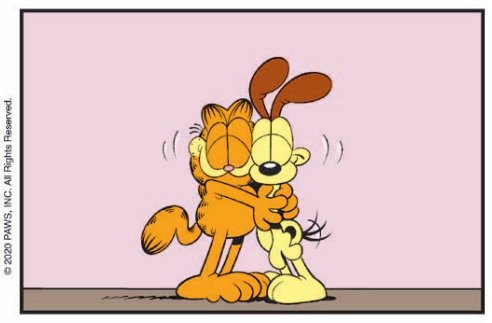
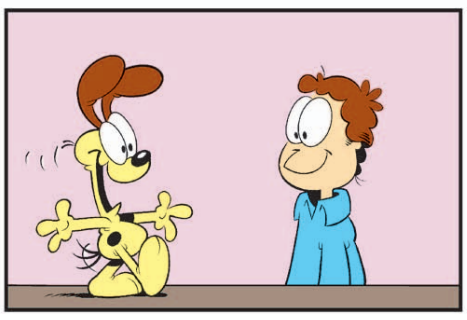
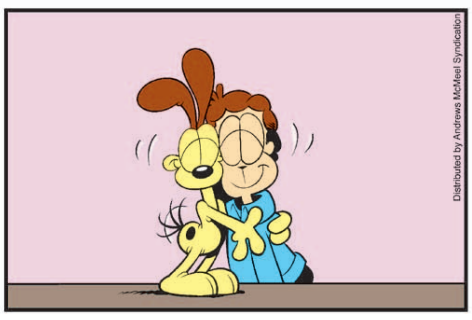
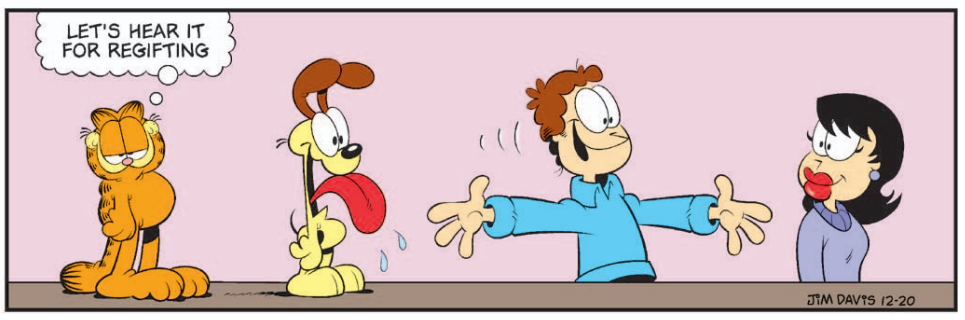


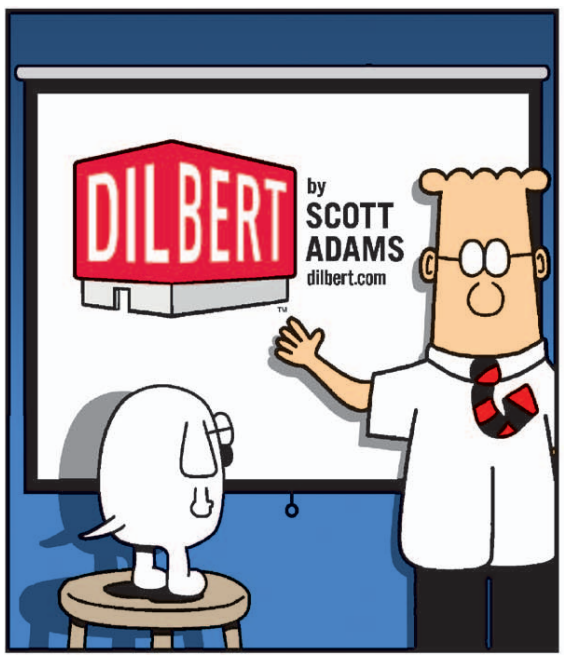


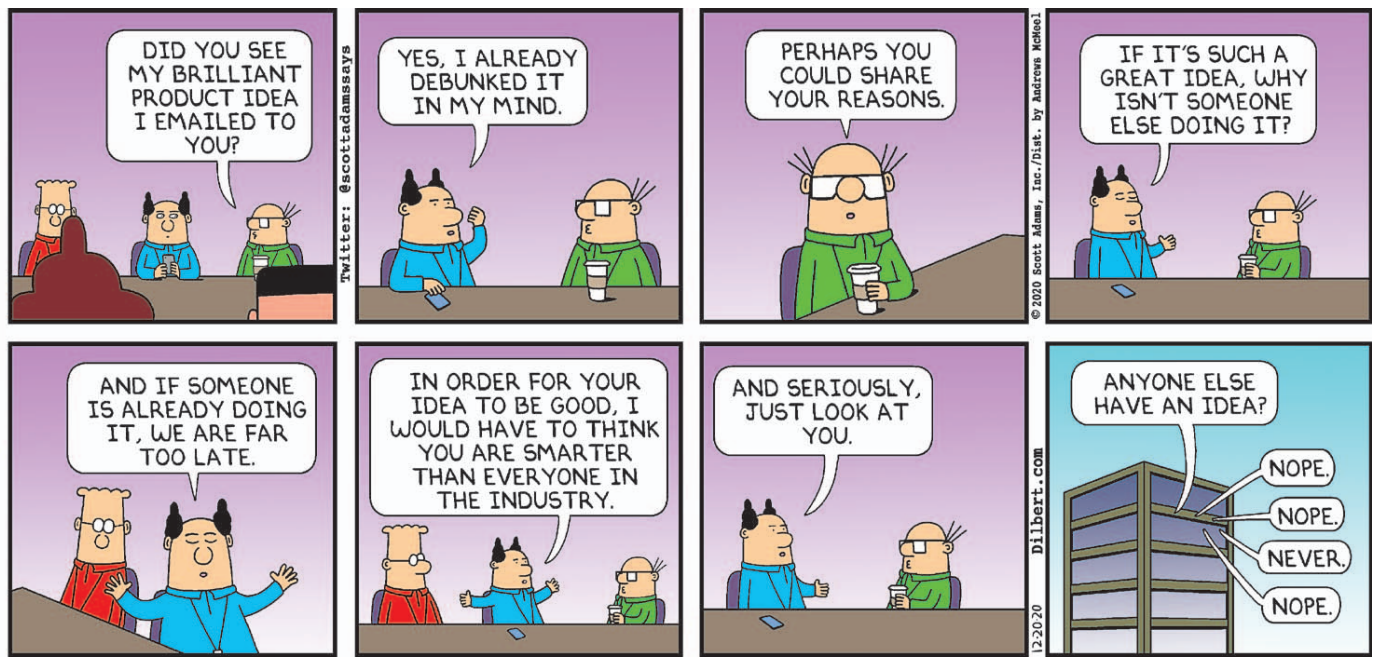





## Dilbert





DID YOU SEE MY BRILLIANT PRODUCT IDEA I EMAILED TO YOU?
YES, I ALREADY DEBUNKED IT IN MY MIND.
PERHAPS YOU COULD SHARE YOUR REASONS.
IF IT'S SUCH A GREAT IDEA, WHY ISN'T SOMEONE ELSE DOING IT?
AND IF SOMEONE IS ALREADY DOING IT, WE ARE FAR TOO LATE.
IN ORDER FOR YOUR IDEA TO BE GOOD, I WOULD HAVE TO THINK YOU ARE SMARTER THAN EVERYONE IN THE INDUSTRY.
AND SERIOUSLY, JUST LOOK AT YOU.
ANYONE ELSE HAVE AN IDEA?
NOPE.
NOPE.
NEVER.
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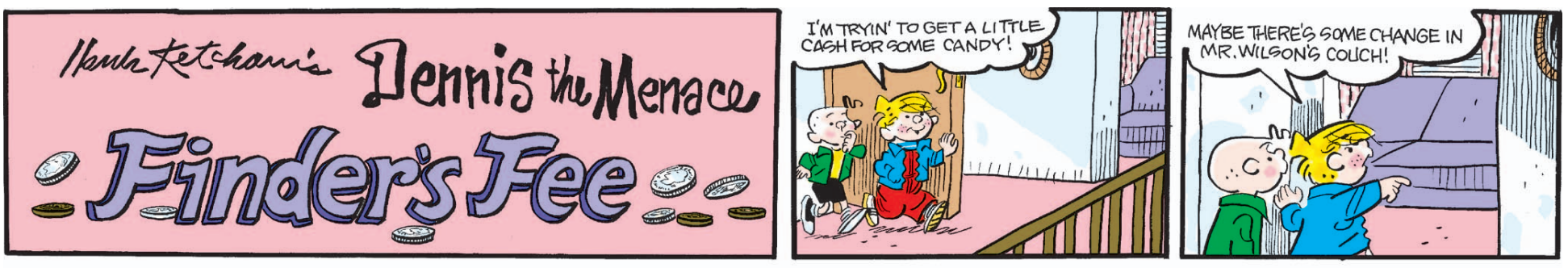
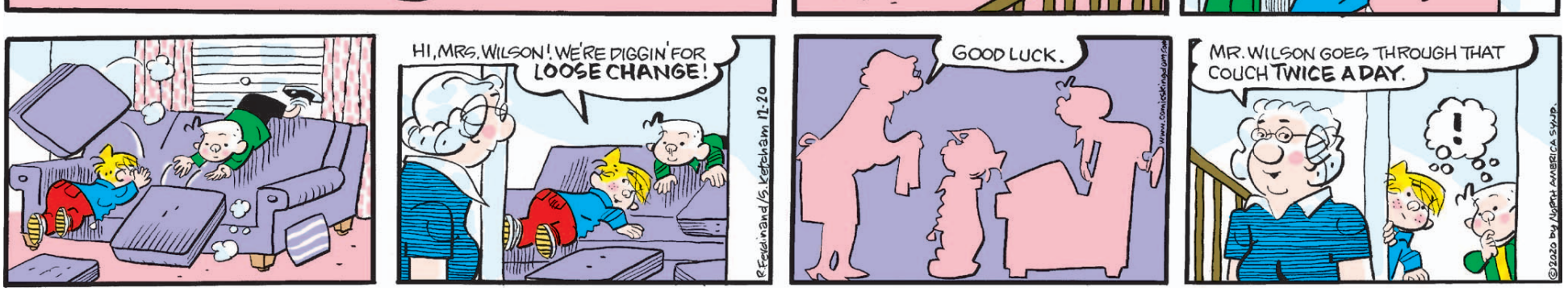
## Dennis the Menace

Hank Ketcham's

### Finder's Fee





HI, MRS. WILSON! WE'RE DIGGIN' FOR LOOSE CHANGE!
GOOD LUCK.
MR. WILSON GOES THROUGH THAT COUCH TWICE A DAY.
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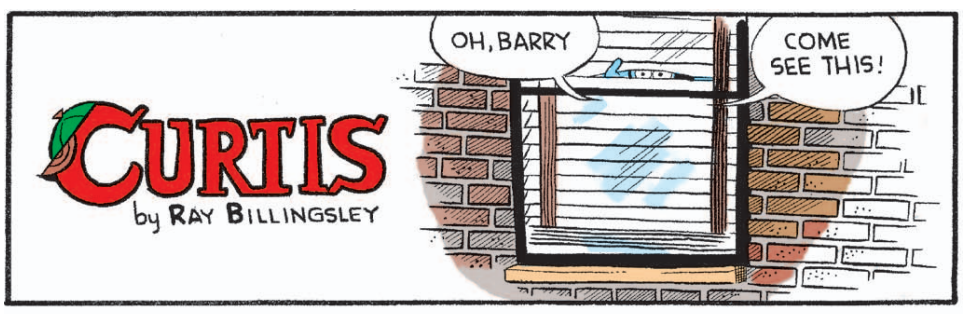
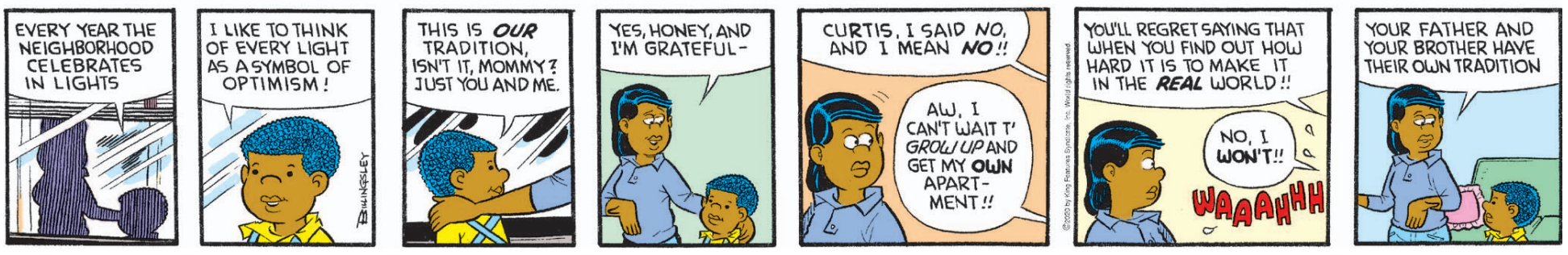
## Curtis

by Ray Billingsley




EVERY YEAR THE NEIGHBORHOOD CELEBRATES IN LIGHTS
I LIKE TO THINK OF EVERY LIGHT AS A SYMBOL OF OPTIMISM!
BHINKSLEY
THIS IS OUR TRADITION, ISN'T IT, MOMMY? JUST YOU AND ME.
YES, HONEY, AND I'M GRATEFUL-
CURTIS, I SAID NO, AND I MEAN NO!!
AW, I CAN'T WAIT T' GROW UP AND GET MY OWN APARTMENT!!
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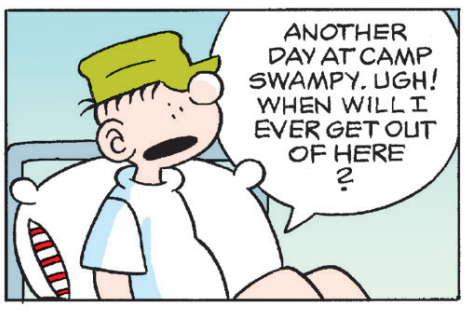
YOU'LL REGRET SAYING THAT WHEN YOU FIND OUT HOW HARD IT IS TO MAKE IT IN THE REAL WORLD!!
NO, I WON'T!!
WAAAHHH
YOUR FATHER AND YOUR BROTHER HAVE THEIR OWN TRADITION

# Mort Walker's beetle bailey®



SO, YOU WANT TO SIGN UP FOR ANOTHER HITCH?
WHAT I WANT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT!
I WANT YOU FOR U.S. ARMY
GREG + MORT WALKER
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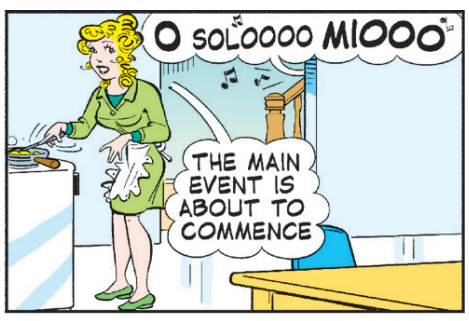
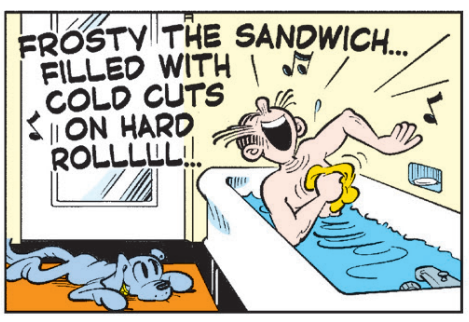
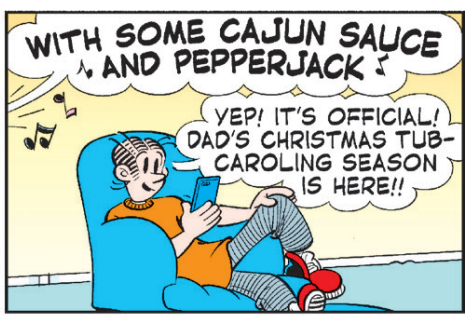
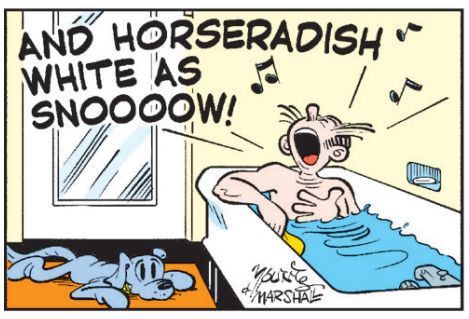
# BLONDIE®

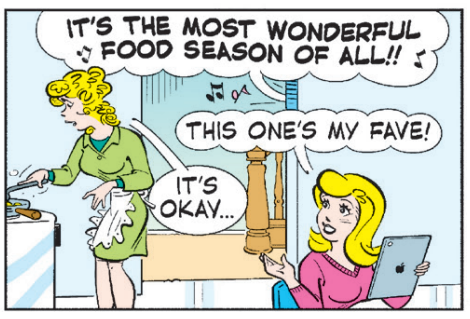
BY DEAN YOUNG & JOHN MARSHALL

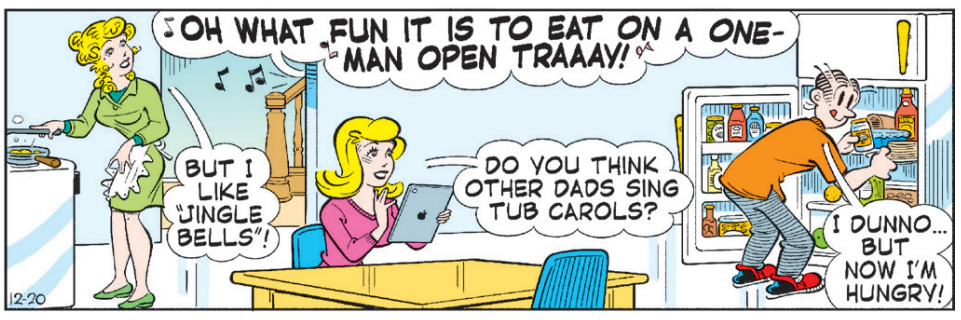




OH WHAT FUN IT IS TO EAT ON A ONE-MAN OPEN TRAAAY!
BUT I LIKE "JINGLE BELLS"!
DO YOU THINK OTHER DADS SING TUB CAROLS?
I DUNNO... BUT NOW I'M HUNGRY!
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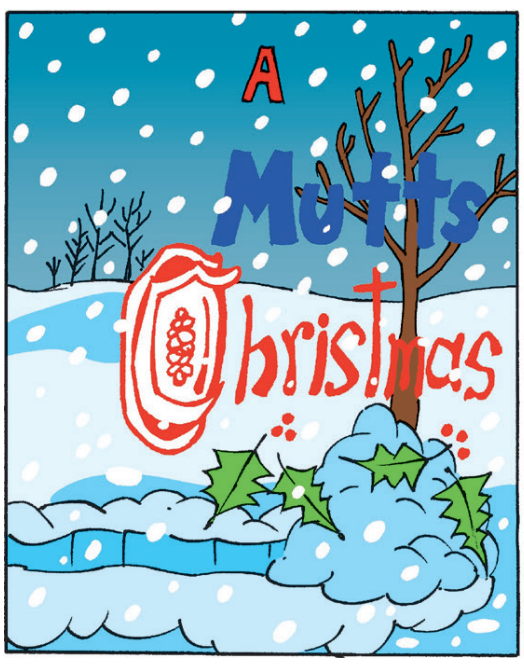

I THINK THERE MUST BE SHOME-THING WRONG WITH ME, EARL.
MOOCH, HOW CAN YOU TURN A WONDERFUL SEASON LIKE CHRISTMAS INTO A PROBLEM?
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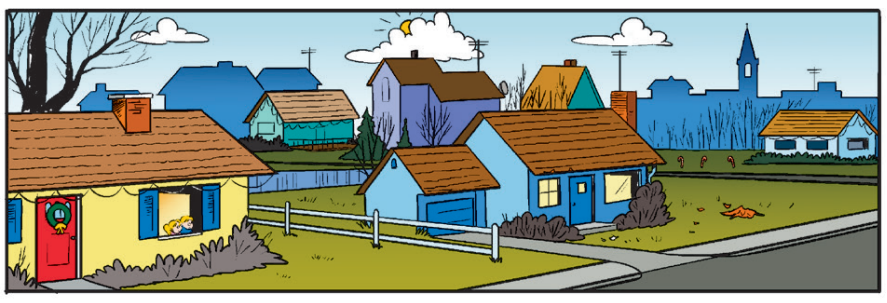
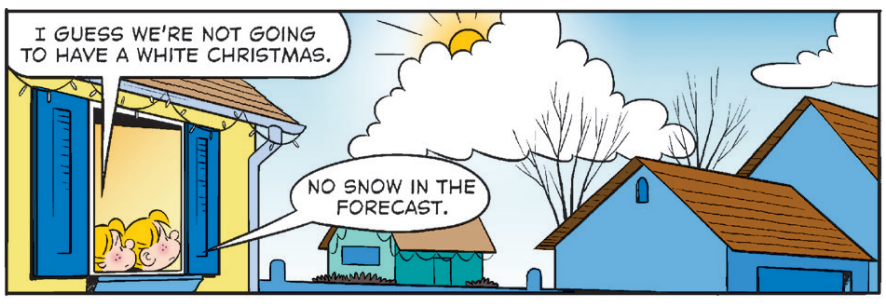
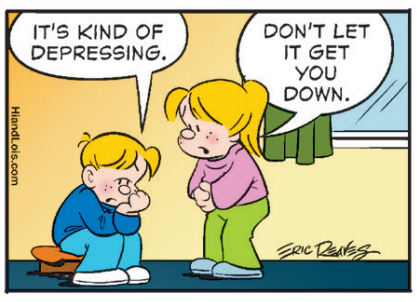
# Hi and Lois

by BRIAN and GREG WALKER

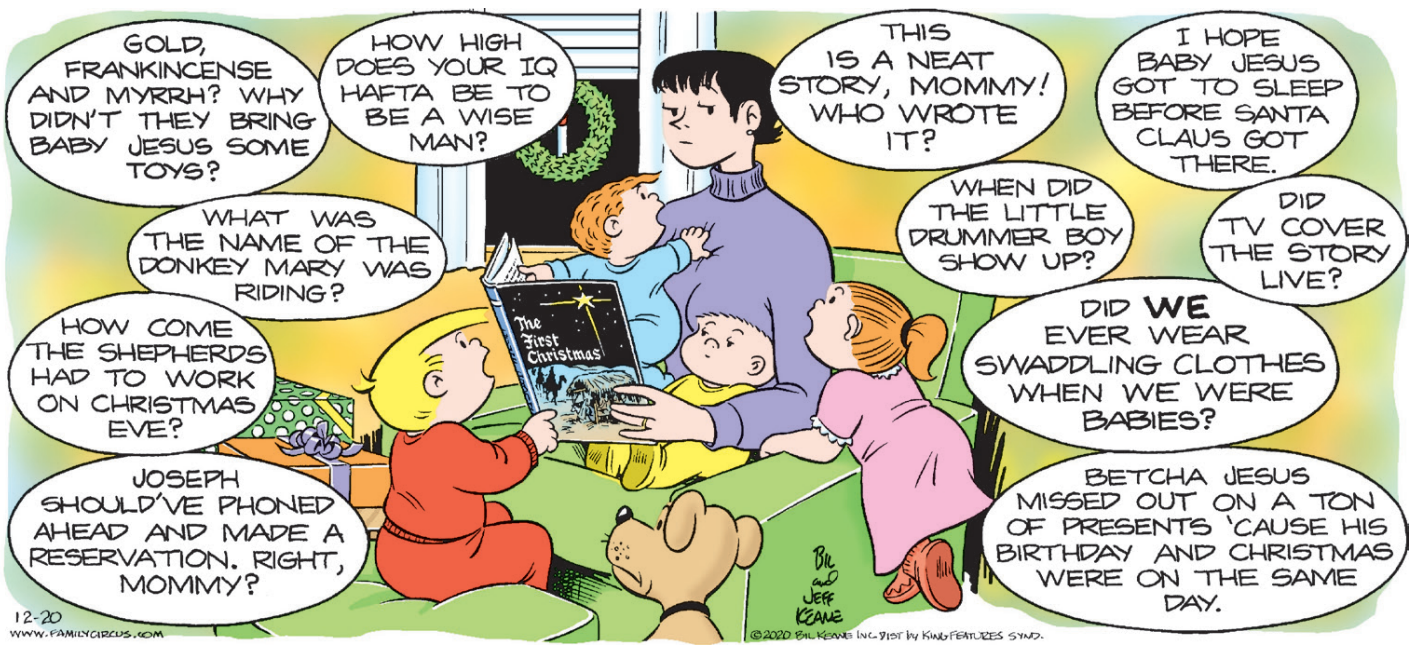




# The FAMILY CIRCUS®

By Bil Keane


GOLD, FRANKINCENSE AND MYRRH? WHY DIDN'T THEY BRING BABY JESUS SOME TOYS?
HOW HIGH DOES YOUR IQ HAFTA BE TO BE A WISE MAN?
THIS IS A NEAT STORY, MOMMY! WHO WROTE IT?
I HOPE BABY JESUS GOT TO SLEEP BEFORE SANTA CLAUS GOT THERE.
WHEN DID THE LITTLE DRUMMER BOY SHOW UP?
DID TV COVER THE STORY LIVE?
WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THE DONKEY MARY WAS RIDING?
DID WE EVER WEAR SWADDLING CLOTHES WHEN WE WERE BABIES?
HOW COME THE SHEPHERDS HAD TO WORK ON CHRISTMAS EVE?
JOSEPH SHOULD'VE PHONED AHEAD AND MADE A RESERVATION. RIGHT, MOMMY?
BETCHA JESUS MISSED OUT ON A TON OF PRESENTS 'CAUSE HIS BIRTHDAY AND CHRISTMAS WERE ON THE SAME DAY.
The First Christmas
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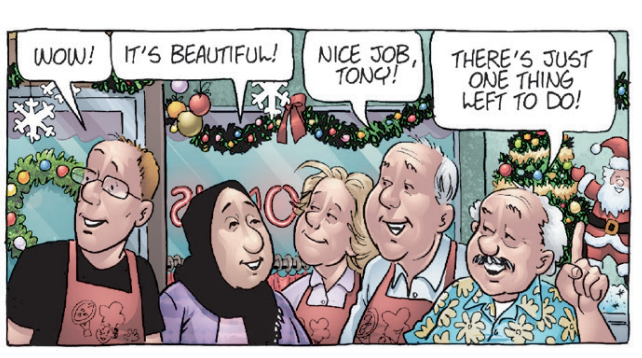
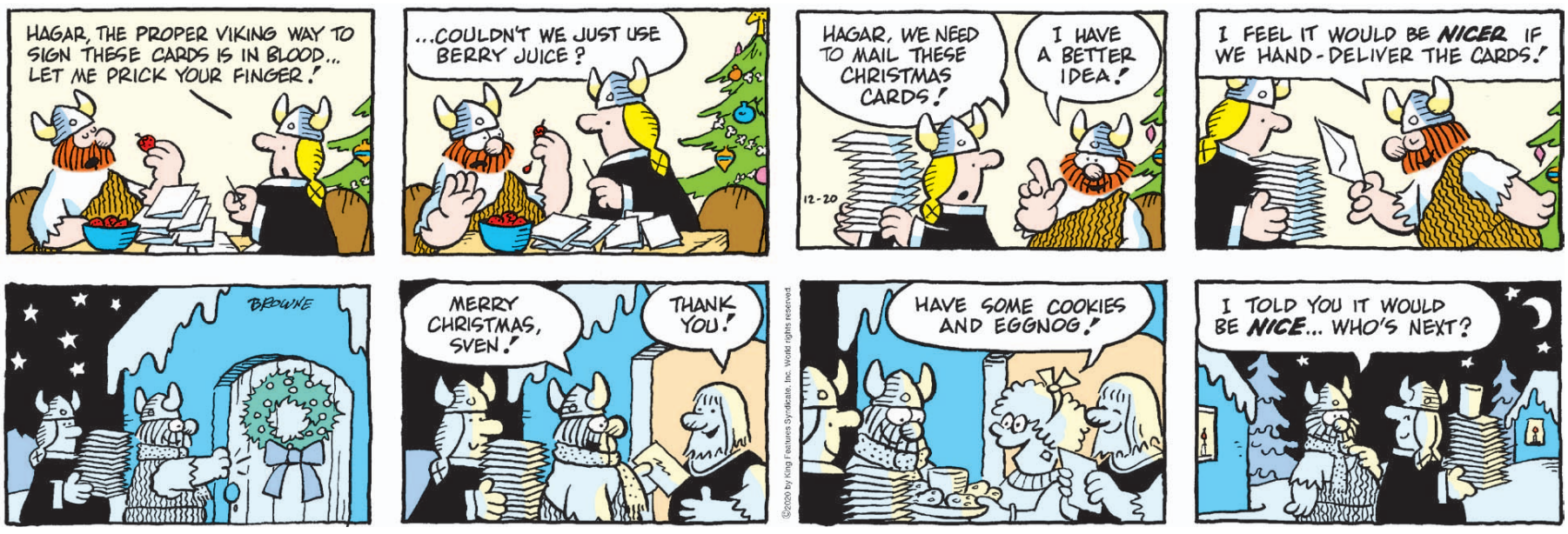
# FUNKY WINKERBEAN

by TOM BATIUK



# HAGAR the horrible

by DIK BROWNE


HAGAR, THE PROPER VIKING WAY TO SIGN THESE CARDS IS IN BLOOD.. LET ME PRICK YOUR FINGER!
...COULDN'T WE JUST USE BERRY JUICE?
HAGAR, WE NEED TO MAIL THESE CHRISTMAS CARDS!
I HAVE A BETTER IDEA!
12-20
I FEEL IT WOULD BE NICER IF WE HAND-DELIVER THE CARDS!
BROWNE
MERRY CHRISTMAS, SVEN!
THANK YOU!
HAVE SOME COOKIES AND EGGNOG!
I TOLD YOU IT WOULD BE NICE... WHO'S NEXT?
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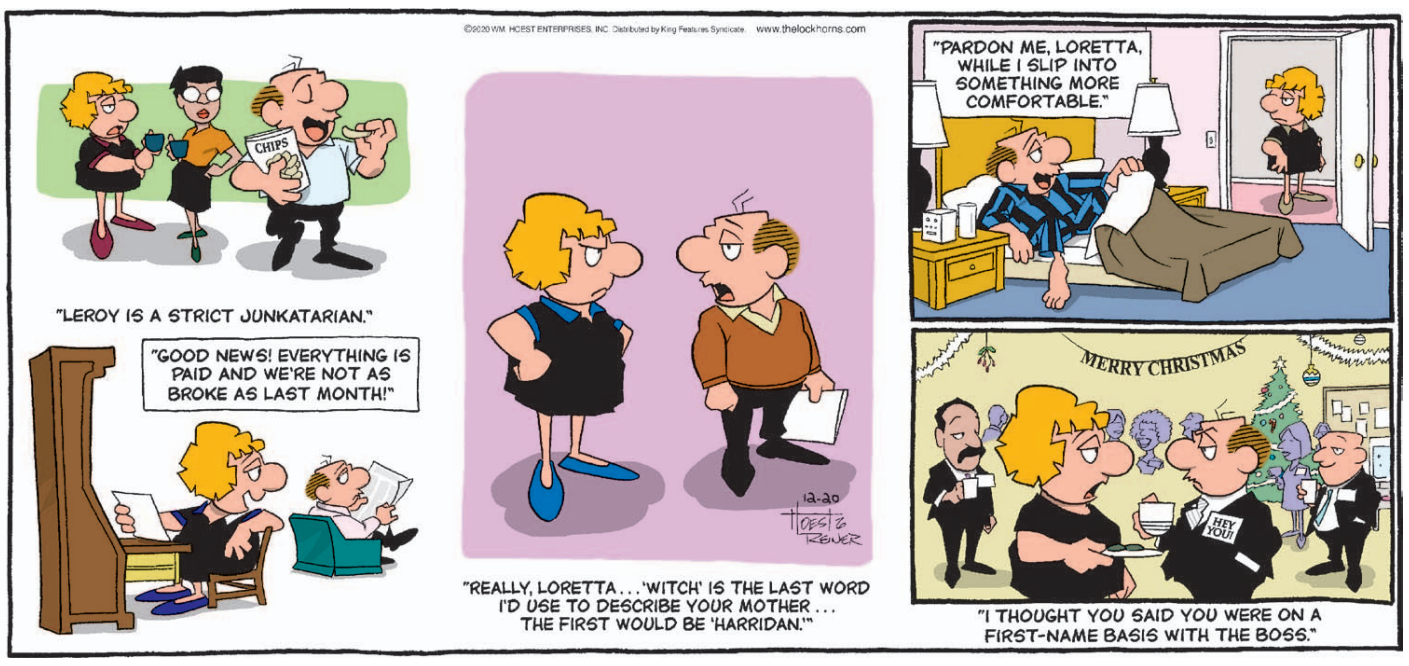
# THE LOCKHORNS

BY BUNNY HOEST AND JOHN REINER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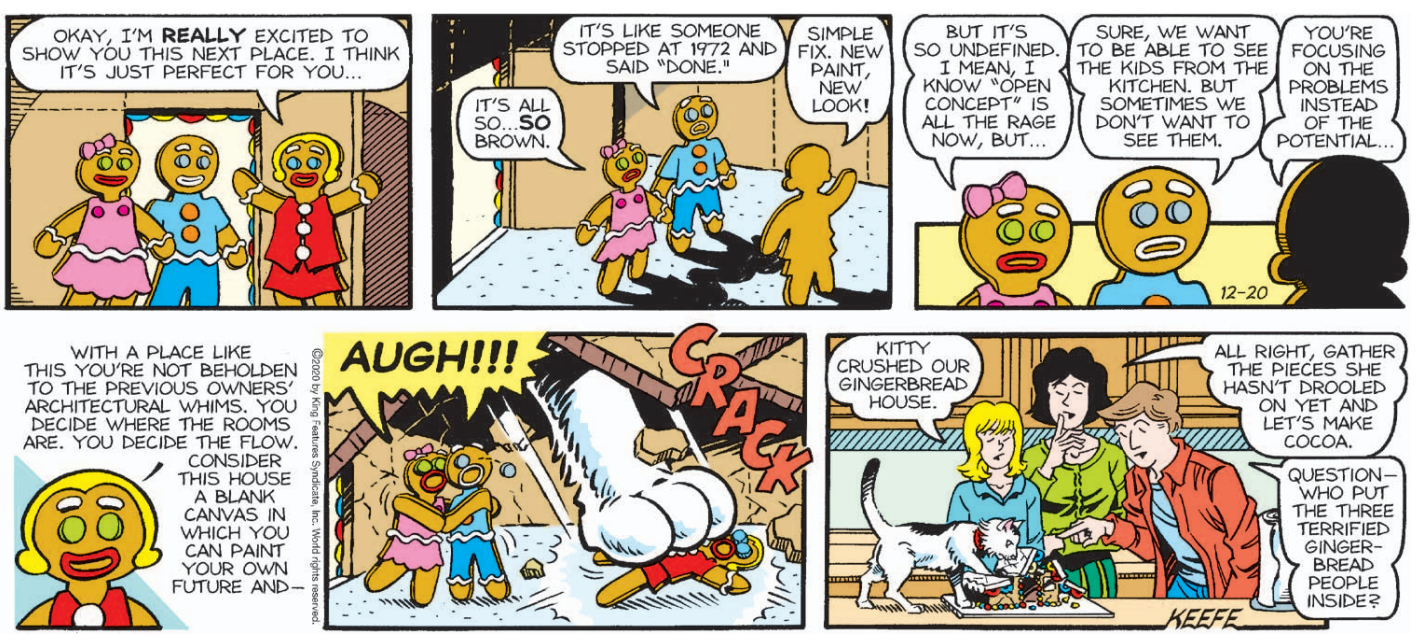
CHIPS
"LEROY IS A STRICT JUNKATARIAN."
"GOOD NEWS! EVERYTHING IS PAID AND WE'RE NOT AS BROKE AS LAST MONTH!"
12-20
HOEST & REINER
"REALLY, LORETTA... 'WITCH' IS THE LAST WORD I'D USE TO DESCRIBE YOUR MOTHER... THE FIRST WOULD BE 'HARRIDAN.'"
"PARDON ME, LORETTA, WHILE I SLIP INTO SOMETHING MORE COMFORTABLE."
MERRY CHRISTMAS
HEY YOU!
"I THOUGHT YOU SAID YOU WERE ON A FIRST-NAME BASIS WITH THE BOSS."

# SALLY FORTH®

by Francesco Marciuliano

TIM, YOU LOST AN EYE.
NO WONDER I DON'T HAVE DEPTH PERCEPTION. GREAT, NOW I HAVE TO WASTE AN ENTIRE DAY IN THE PANTRY WAITING TO GET THIS FIXED.


OKAY, I'M REALLY EXCITED TO SHOW YOU THIS NEXT PLACE. I THINK IT'S JUST PERFECT FOR YOU...
IT'S LIKE SOMEONE STOPPED AT 1972 AND SAID "DONE."
IT'S ALL SO...SO BROWN.
SIMPLE FIX. NEW PAINT, NEW LOOK!
BUT IT'S SO UNDEFINED. I MEAN, I KNOW "OPEN CONCEPT" IS ALL THE RAGE NOW, BUT...
SURE, WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO SEE THE KIDS FROM THE KITCHEN. BUT SOMETIMES WE DON'T WANT TO SEE THEM.
YOU'RE FOCUSING ON THE PROBLEMS INSTEAD OF THE POTENTIAL...
12-20
WITH A PLACE LIKE THIS YOU'RE NOT BEHOLDEN TO THE PREVIOUS OWNERS' ARCHITECTURAL WHIMS. YOU DECIDE WHERE THE ROOMS ARE. YOU DECIDE THE FLOW. CONSIDER THIS HOUSE A BLANK CANVAS IN WHICH YOU CAN PAINT YOUR OWN FUTURE AND—
AUGH!!!
CRACK
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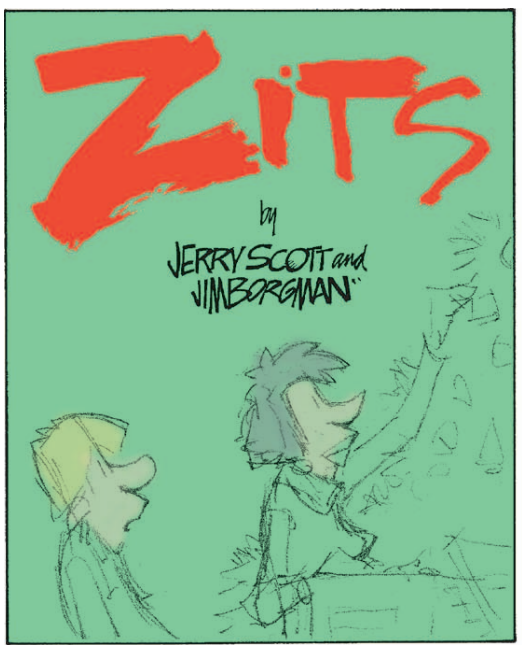
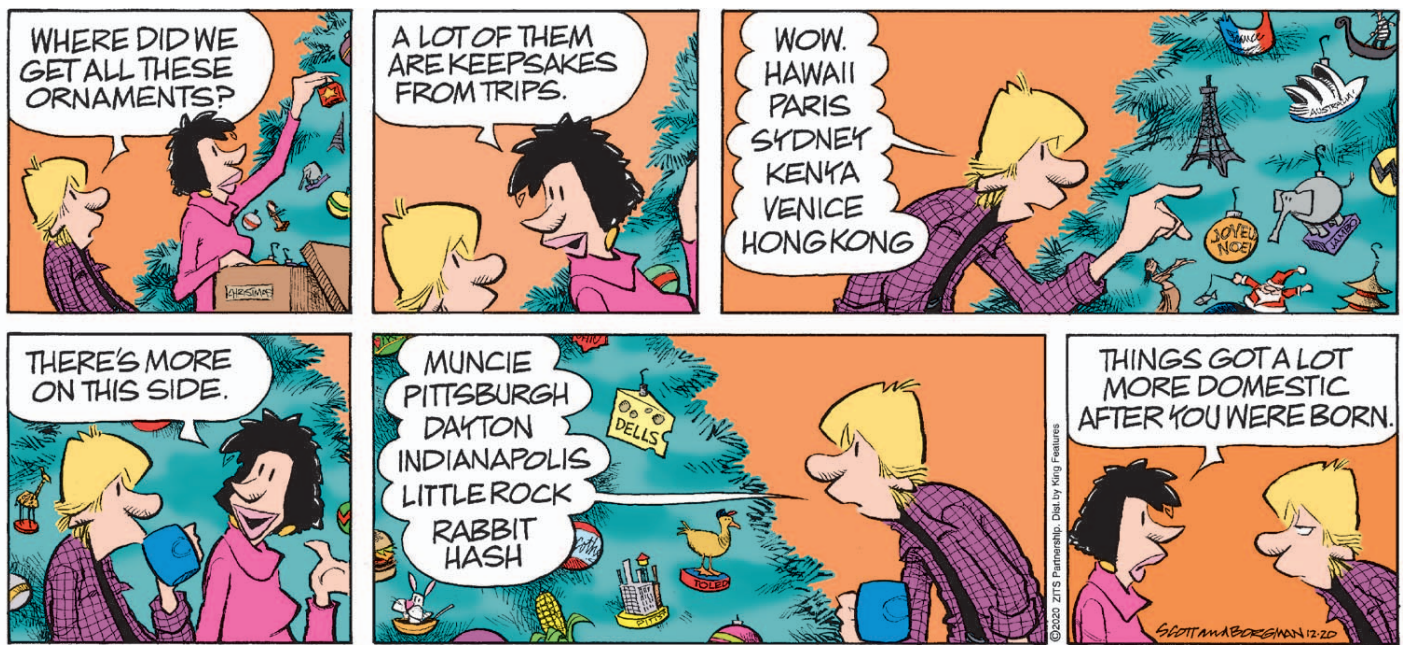
KITTY CRUSHED OUR GINGERBREAD HOUSE.
ALL RIGHT, GATHER THE PIECES SHE HASN'T DROOLED ON YET AND LET'S MAKE COCOA.
QUESTION— WHO PUT THE THREE TERRIFIED GINGER-BREAD PEOPLE INSIDE?
KEEFE

# ZITS

by JERRY SCOTT and JIM BORGMAN




WHERE DID WE GET ALL THESE ORNAMENTS?
A LOT OF THEM ARE KEEPSAKES FROM TRIPS.
WOW. HAWAII PARIS SYDNEY KENYA VENICE HONGKONG
THERE'S MORE ON THIS SIDE.
MUNCIE PITTSBURGH DAYTON INDIANAPOLIS LITTLE ROCK RABBIT HASH
DELLS
THINGS GOT A LOT MORE DOMESTIC AFTER YOU WERE BORN.
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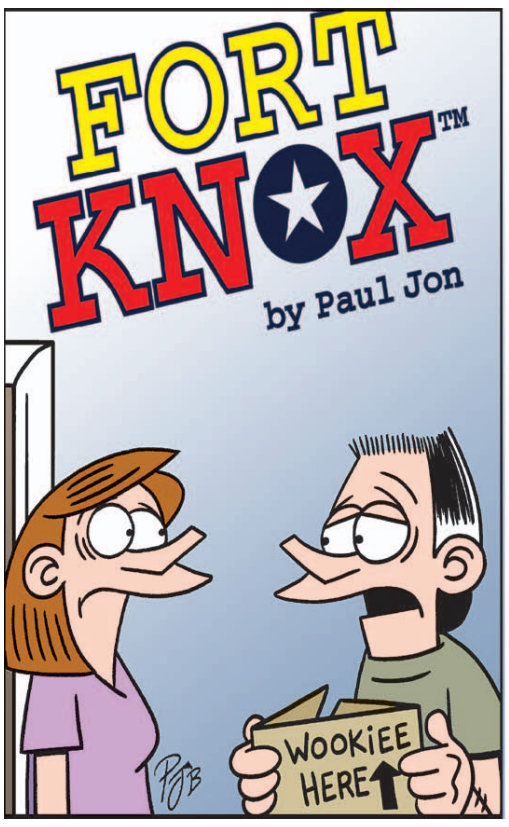
# FORT KNOX™

by Paul Jon



THE BOYS ARE ALMOST ASLEEP.
THEY NEED TO BE SOUND ASLEEP.
JOEY
IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE! WHY ARE YOU SO SERIOUS?
GOOD
I ♥ COAL
12/20
BECAUSE LAST YEAR DONALD TRIED TO CATCH SANTA.
BAD
YULE PAY
RUDE OFF
WELL, HE WON'T BE DOING IT SLEEPING.
I HOPE YOU SEARCHED THE LIVING ROOM ANYWAY.
So-So
ZZZ
WHAT WOULD I BE SEARCHING FOR??
OKAY
ELF CONTROL
OMG
SEE YA, SANTA
THE BEAR TRAP IN THE FIREPLACE.
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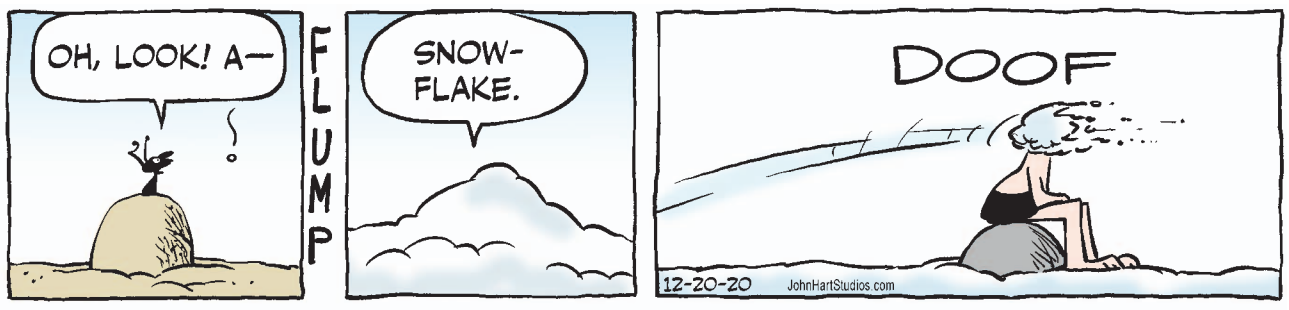
# WIZARD OF ID

by Hart, Mastroianni and Parker

# BC

BY MASTROIANNI AND HART

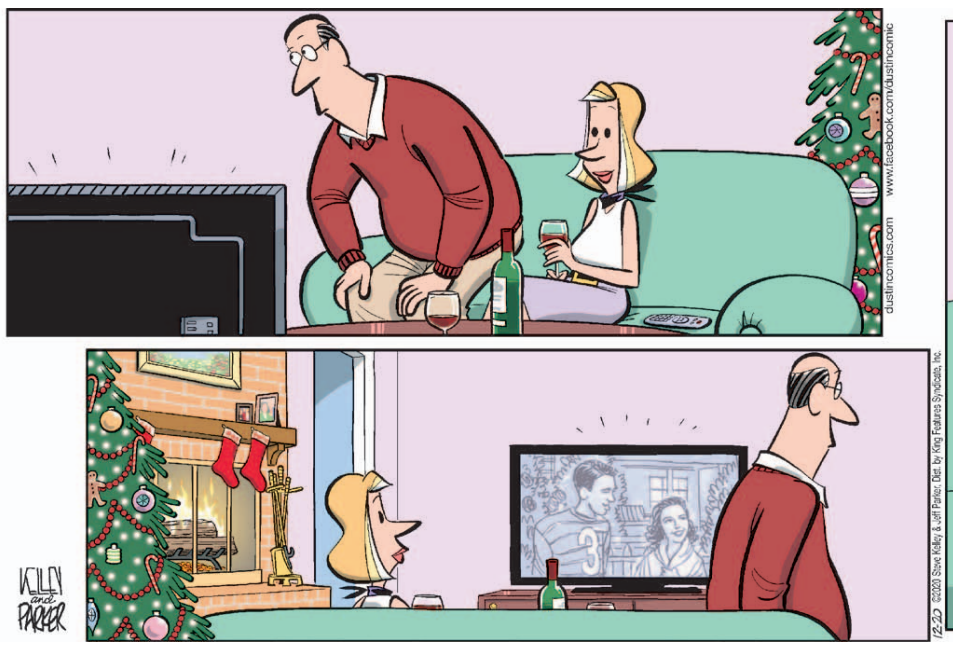



# Bizarro

by Dan Piraro

# DUSTIN

By STEVE KELLEY and JEFF PARKER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THE GREAT THING ABOUT THE BATHROOM IS YOU NEVER HAVE TO RACK YOUR BRAIN TO REMEMBER WHAT YOU WALKED IN THERE FOR.
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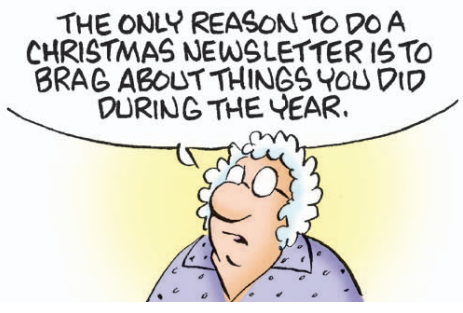
# MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM




# PICKLES

by Brian Crane

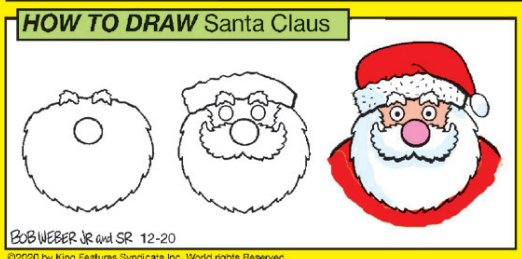


# Bob Weber Jr.'s SLYLOCK FOX and COMICS FOR KIDS

Harry Ape has been accused of stealing cash from a restaurant safe. Deputy Duck found a tin box of cash hidden in the ape's basment. Harry insists he inherited the cash from his grandfather 20 years ago. What did Slylock Fox observe on the money that led him to conclude Harry Ape is lying?

Solution -- Slylock noticed that most of the bills are dated after Harry Ape says he inherited them.

**HOW TO DRAW** Santa Claus



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**YOUR DRAWING**

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The largest octopus on record weighed...

**a)** 75 pounds
**b)** 190 pounds
**c)** 300 pounds
**d)** 600 pounds
**e)** 3,000 pounds

Answer -- d)

**Spot six differences between these panels.**

Answer -- Ball, cat, bird, footprint, hat and girl's mouth.

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